



North East School Division
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February 1, 2023

Dear Arborfield families,

At the January 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, the Board of Education of the North East School Division No. 200 passed a motion of continued consideration for grade discontinuance or school closure for Arborfield School, which your child(ren) currently attend.

Please note that a motion of consideration is not a motion of school closure. By April 30, 2023, the Board shall make a decision to either not close/discontinue grades or close the school or discontinue grades after an electors' meeting has occurred. If there is a decision to discontinue grades or school closure, the effective date will be July 3, 2023.

In the meantime, community members will have the opportunity to provide the Board with input concerning information presented during the Electors' meeting, scheduled for **February 15th, 2023, in Arborfield, SK at the Arborfield Community Hall at 7:00pm.**

In addition, The Education Act, 1995 and related regulations require the School Division to provide information to all parents or guardians with children in the Arborfield School attendance area concerning school bus route options should the board decide to proceed with grade discontinuance or closure of Arborfield School. Please know that if the Board proceeds with closure or grade discontinuance, each family will be contacted to determine bus routes.

Possible bus routes to either Carrot River Elementary School or Carrot River Junior and Senior High School are attached. In a few instances, Tisdale schools may be an option. A map of the route is attached to this letter.

If you have any questions regarding busing, please contact the NESD Transportation Manager, Bryan Morgan at 306-873-4555.

For all other inquiries contact Triki Zenner, Information Controller, at 306-752-5741 (ext.1) or divisionoffice@nesd.ca.

Sincerely,

Stacy Lair
Director of Education

cc: Patrick Smoke, Principal Arborfield School
Melissa Gray, SCC Chairperson Arborfield School
Sari Carson, Principal Carrot River Junior and Senior High School
Candace Panchyshyn, Principal Carrot River Elementary School
Carmen Messer, Principal Tisdale Middle and Secondary School
Sandi Norum, Principal Tisdale Elementary School

Arborfield Bussing Scenarios

In accordance with legislation, during the school review process, the North East School Division must share possible bus route options on or before February 3rd, 2023. Although two scenarios are shared now, if the Board of Education decides to discontinue grades or close Arborfield school, the NESD will engage with families and determine the best plan following consultation.

To communicate this information prior to the February 3rd deadline, computer generated times were used. Please note, an earlier comparator of proven drive times in winter conditions, and computer-generated times for a proposed Arborfield to Carrot River route indicated the addition of 14 minutes to a 60-minute computer generated route was likely.

Bus routes are based on the students currently registered with a school of the North East School Division. The bus routes will need amendments for any new students that register or students who move out of the catchment for the 2023-24 school year.

Scenario 1 – School Closure

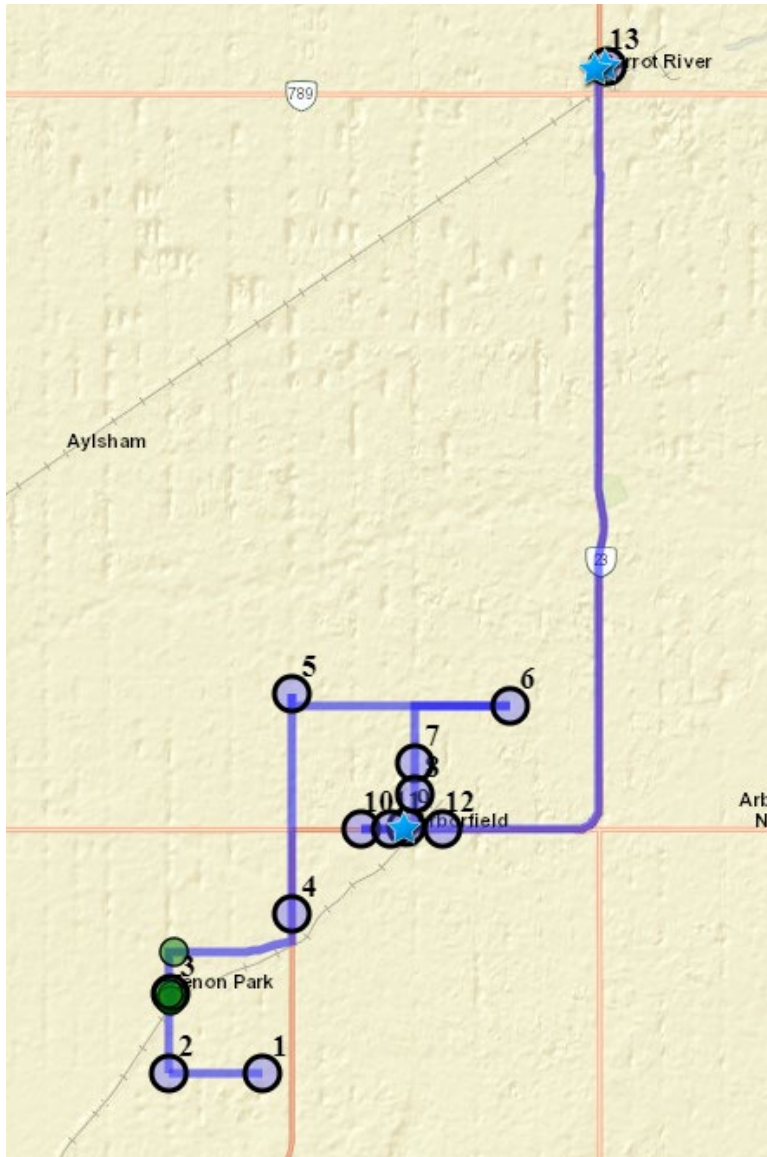
- Two routes transporting students to Carrot River.
 - Approximately 35 students per route - bus capacity 54
 - While only one stop exists within Arborfield, multiple in-town stops could be considered.
- Tisdale routes transport to Tisdale Elementary School (gr PK-5) and Tisdale Middle and Secondary School (gr 6-12).
 - Tisdale routes are based on a new attendance area for this scenario, however, families can be grandfathered to a school of choice.

Scenario 2 – Grade Discontinuance (grade 7-12 was used as an example)

- Drop off and pick up at Arborfield school, with grade 7-12 students carrying on to Carrot River.
- Tisdale routes transport to Tisdale Elementary School (gr PK-5) and Tisdale Middle and Secondary School (gr 6-12).
 - Tisdale routes are based on K-12 students attending the new Tisdale attendance area, however, families can be grandfathered to a school of choice.

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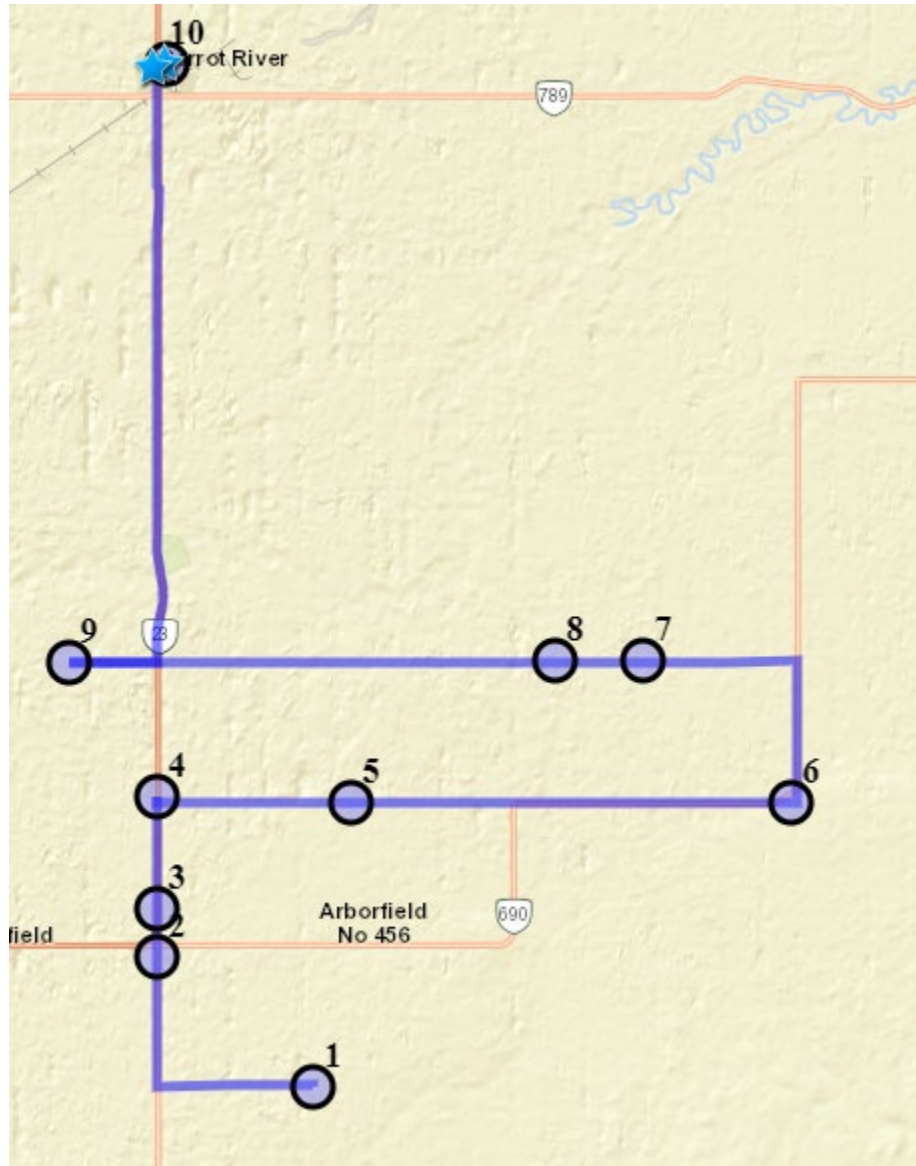
School Closure - Transportation to Carrot River - Route A



#	Description	Address	Time
1	Stop	Unknown Address	08:01 AM
2	Stop	Unknown Address	08:03 AM
3	Zenon Park	690 Park Road	08:05 AM
4	Stop	Unknown Address	08:07 AM
5	Stop	Unknown Address	08:11 AM
6	Stop	Unknown Address	08:16 AM
7	Stop	Unknown Address	08:20 AM
8	Stop	Unknown Address	08:21 AM
9	Arborfield	213 Main St	08:23 AM
10	Stop	Unknown Address	08:24 AM
11	Stop	Unknown Address	08:25 AM
12	Stop	Unknown Address	08:27 AM
13	Carrot river	1103 1 St Northeast	08:45 AM

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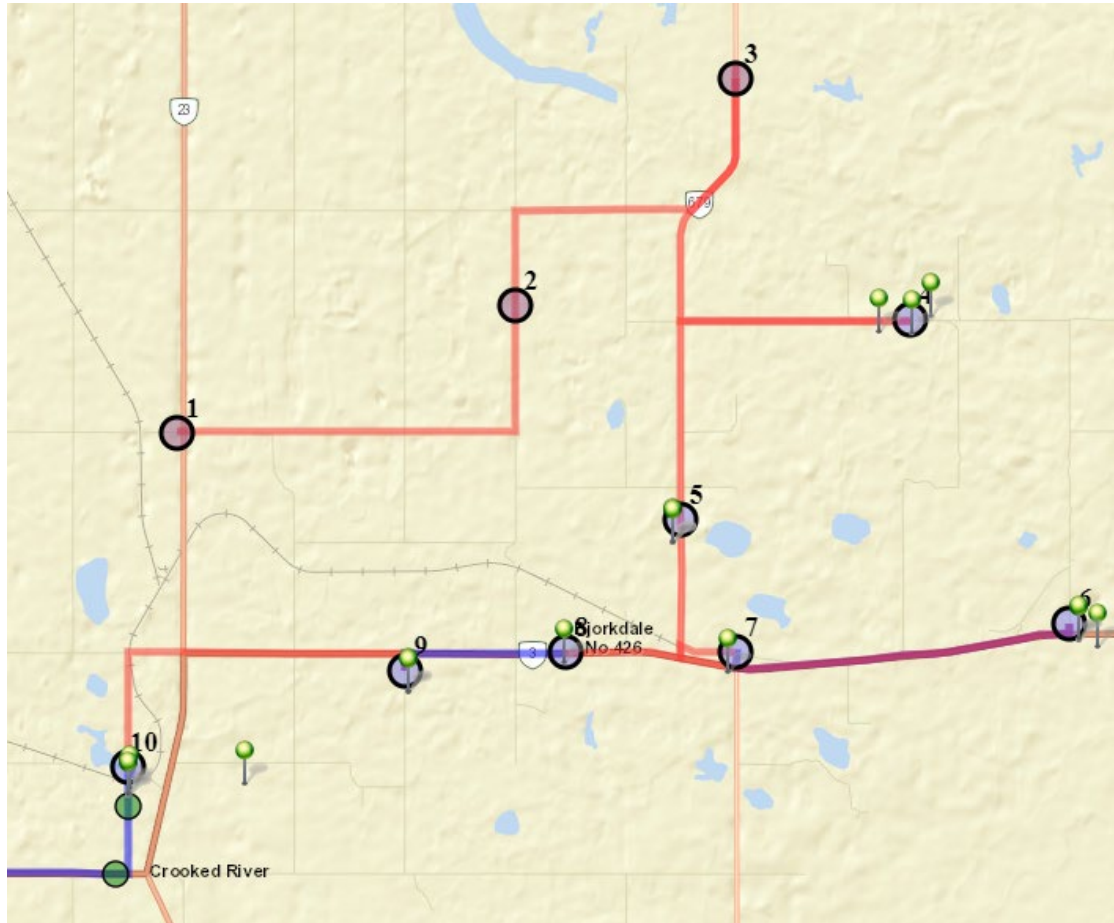
School Closure - Transportation to Carrot River - Route B



#	Description	Address	Time
1	Stop	Unknown Address	07:58 AM
2	Stop	Unknown Address	08:03 AM
3	Stop	Unknown Address	08:04 AM
4	Stop	Unknown Address	08:06 AM
5	Stop	Unknown Address	08:09 AM
6	Stop	Unknown Address	08:17 AM
7	Stop	Unknown Address	08:23 AM
8	Stop	Unknown Address	08:24 AM
9	Stop	Unknown Address	08:33 AM
10	Carrot river	1103 1 St Northeast	08:45 AM

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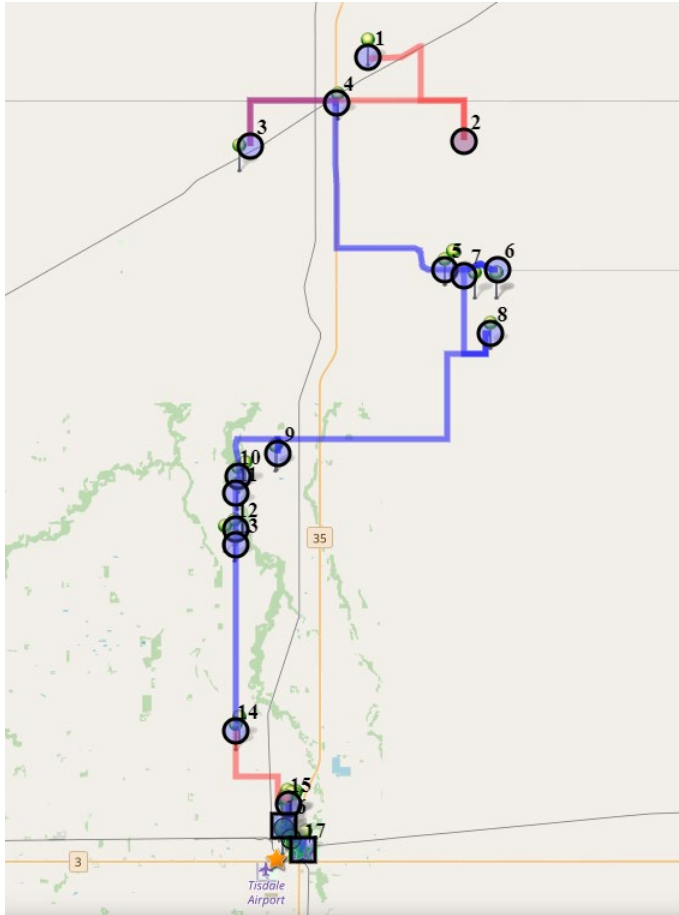
School Closure - Transportation to Tisdale - Route A



1	Stop	Unknown Address	07:29 AM
2	Stop	Unknown Address	07:34 AM
3	Stop	Unknown Address	07:40 AM
20	Tisdale Middl	TMSS 800 - 101 St; Box	08:40 AM
21	Tisdale Elem	TES 513 - 105th Ave; Bc	08:45 AM

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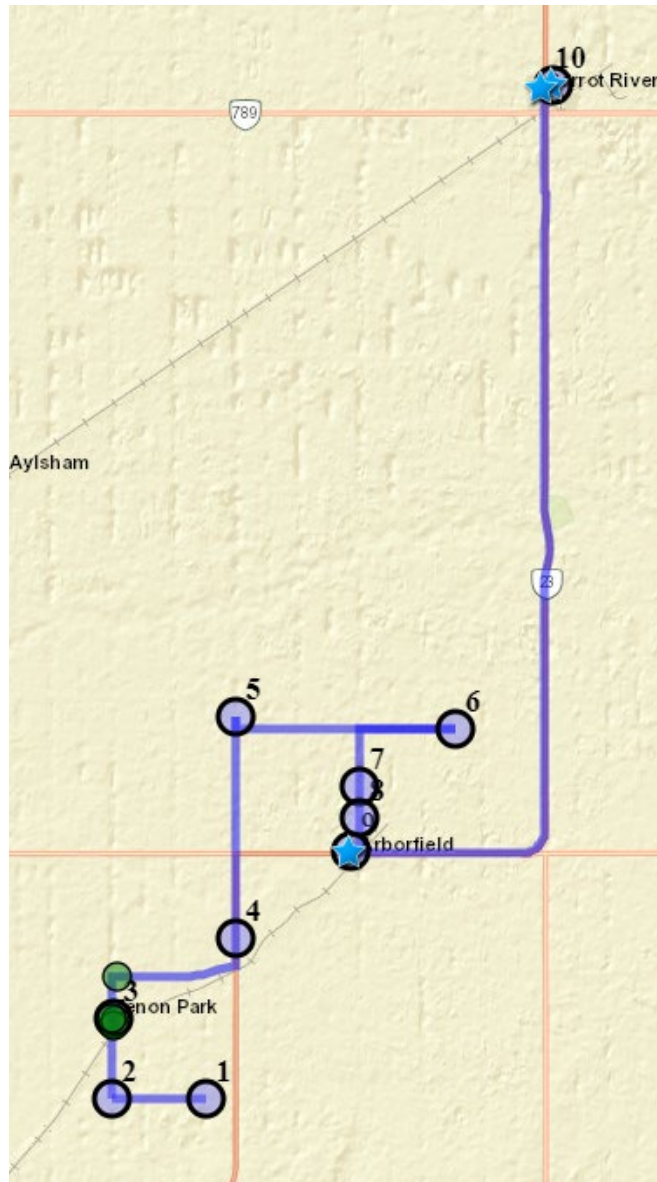
School Closure - Transportation to Tisdale - Route B



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1		SE-08-048-14-2	07:30 AM
2	Stop	Unknown Address	07:36 AM
16	TES	TES 508 105 Ave	08:40 AM
17	TMSS	TMSS 802 98th Ave	08:45 AM

Scenario 2

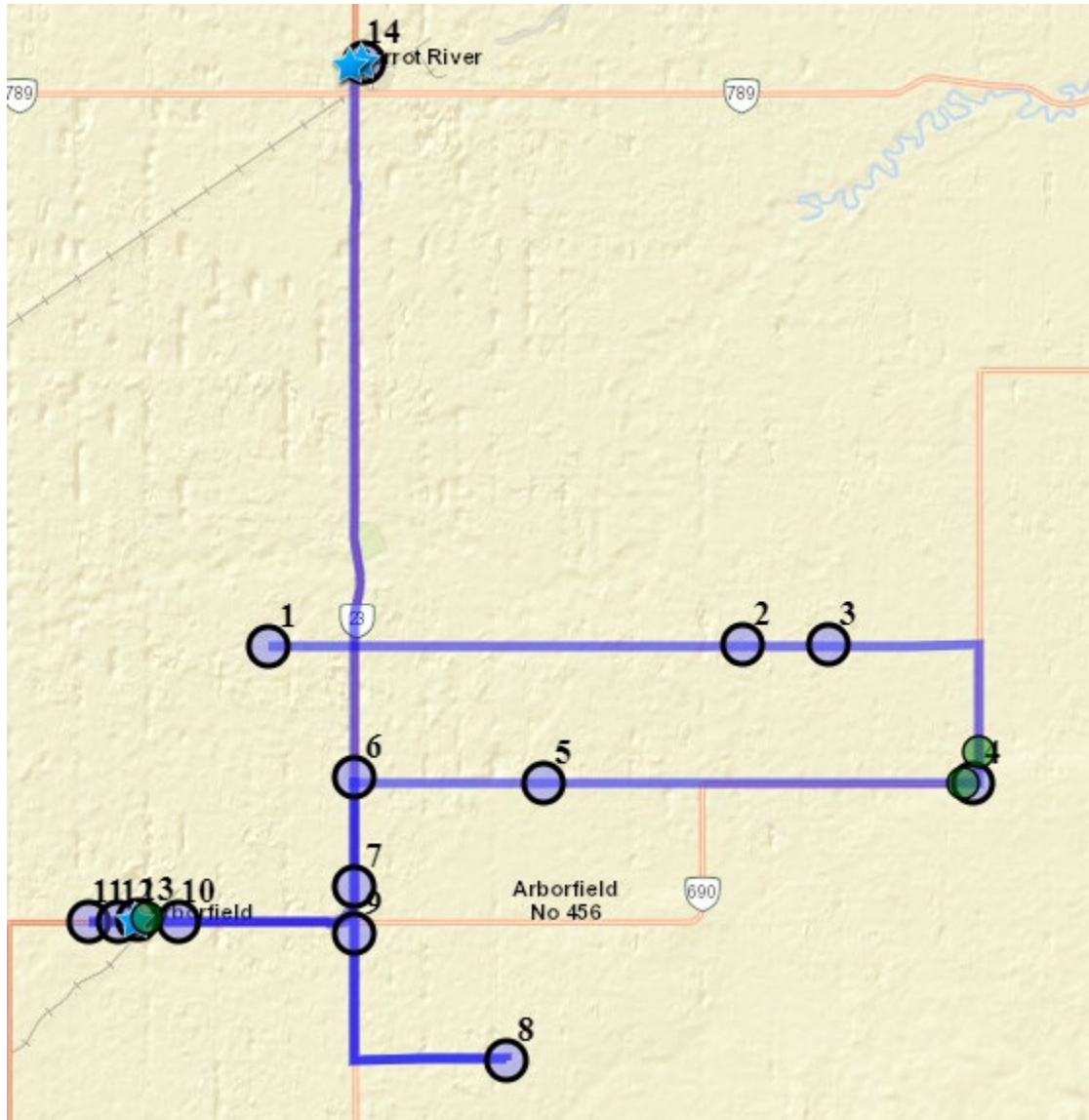
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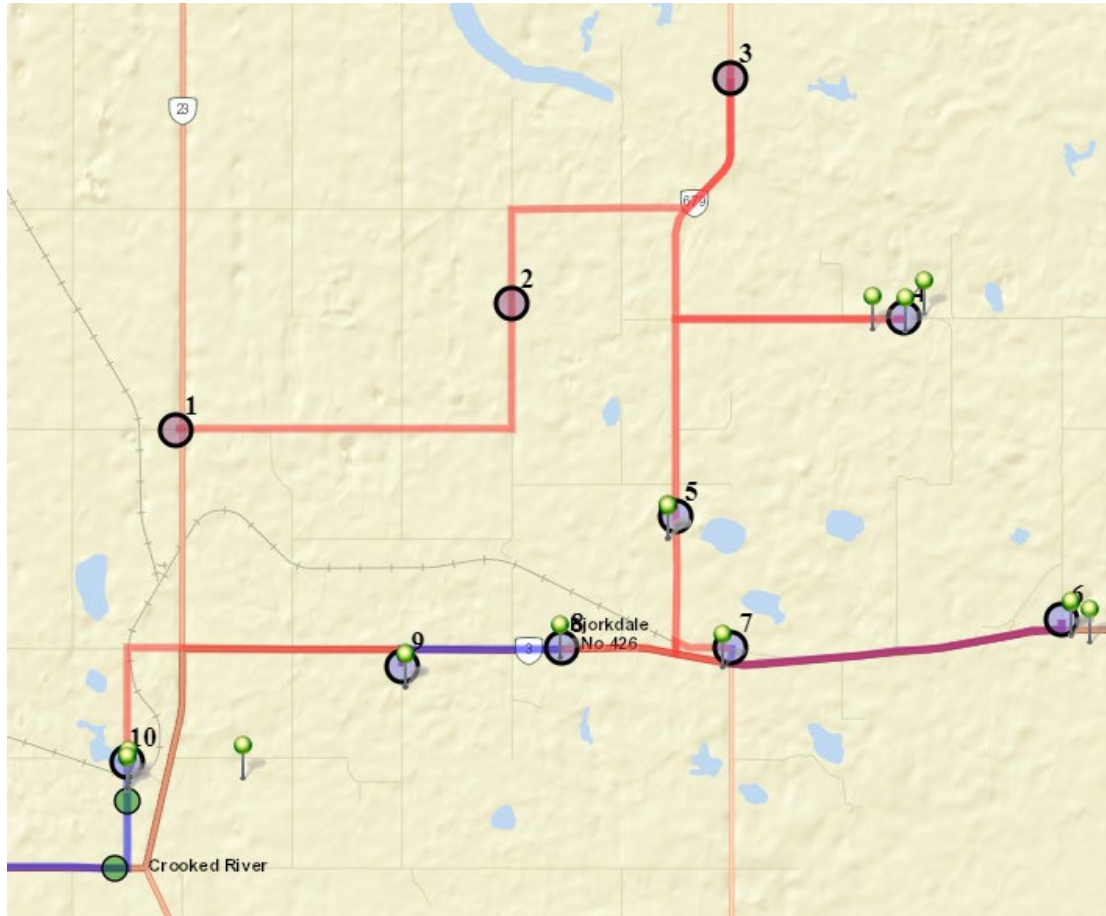
Grade Discontinuance – Transportation of grade 7-12 to Carrot River - Route B



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4	Stop	Unknown Address	07:53 AM
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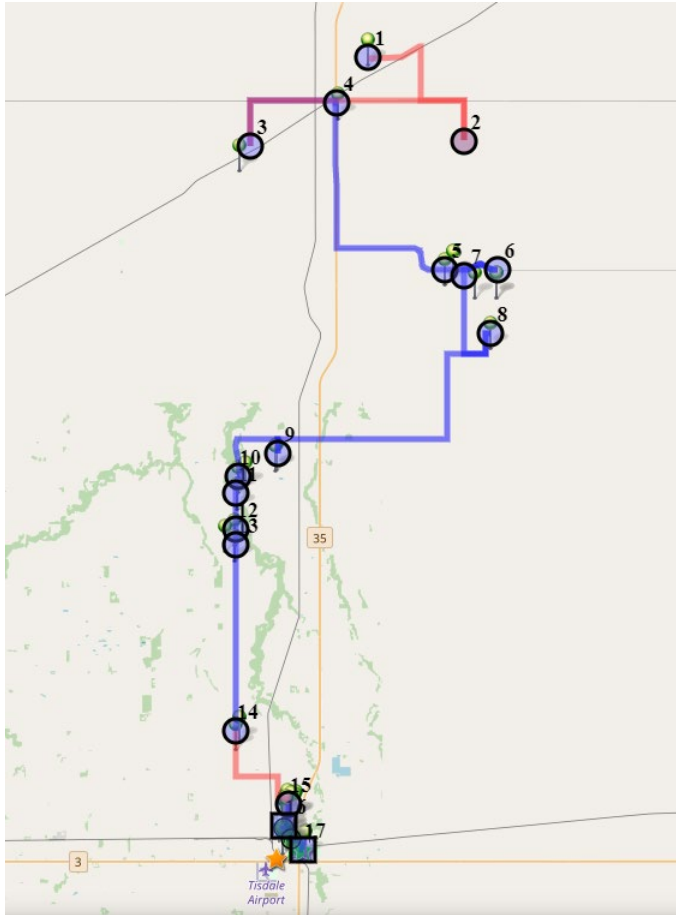
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