

## Blue Water Area Transit

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BLUE WATER AREA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ANNOUNCES
THE "MISSED THE BUS, JUST CALL US!" PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS.

### PORT HURON, MI - MARCH 28, 2023

The Blue Water Area Transportation Commission announced today the "Missed the Bus, Just Call Us!" program for students. Any Port Huron Area Schools' high school or junior high student who missed the school bus -- or ride to or from school -- can get a free ride to school or to home on any Blue Water Area Transit bus.

The service will be available any school day, within Blue Water Area Transit's service area, starting Monday, April 12, 2023. The service area includes the City of Port Huron, Port Huron Township, Ft. Gratiot Township and Burtchville Township.

Blue Water Area Transit is committed to partnering with the school district to help students get to and from school in the face of unusual circumstances (e.g., overslept, their parent couldn't take them, delayed after



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school because of clubs or programs, etc.) Rides are free, paid for by an anonymous donor.

To use the program, students just need to call Blue Water Area Transit's friendly dispatch center at 810-987-7373 – then dial Option #2 at the voice prompt -- and tell the dispatcher they missed their school bus or ride and need the "free ride to/from school." The dispatcher will ask a few questions and give instructions on how to connect with a Blue Water Area Transit bus to school or from school to home via the next dial-a-ride service and/or fixed route service pending availability.

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For more information, contact Lee-Perry Belleau, BWAT Community Relations: 810.987.7373, ext 128. <a href="mailto:lpbelleau@bwbus.com">lpbelleau@bwbus.com</a>

### **About Blue Water Area Transit**

Six days a week (Monday thru Saturday), BWAT provides ADA-compliant, ramp-equipped bus service. BWAT buses travel in 45-minute intervals along seven fixed routes in Port Huron and Fort Gratiot. BWAT also provides dialaride service in the townships of Burtchville, Port Huron, and Fort Gratiot Monday through Saturday as well as Monday, Wednesday and Friday for the



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city of Marysville. Additionally, BWAT operates commuter service Monday through Friday along an I-94 express route and an M-29 local route with stops in the cities of Marysville, St. Clair, Marine City, Algonac, Anchorville, and the townships of Clay and Ira.

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