



Transportation Support

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Short-term solutions

- Focus available drivers on routes based on priority:
 - **Priority 1:** Students 2 miles or further from schools; Special Education students; and others required by law to transport
 - **Priority 2:** Students within 2 miles; and others who do not have statutory right to transportation
- Reroute buses to maximize efficiency

Additional considerations

- Explore adjusting school bell times
- Explore transportation reimbursement



Focus available drivers on priority routes

Why?

- State law requires districts to provide transportation to certain students, including students living outside of 2 miles
- Allows us to prioritize available buses to meet the statutory requirement

Impact:

- Existing routes outside of 2 miles may be combined
- Students within 2 miles may not have service if drivers are not available
- Families may receive new bus routes and pick up/drop off times

Priority 1 = Statutory obligations | **Priority 2** = Less than 2 miles

Reroute buses to maximize efficiency

Why?

- Combine current stops into more centrally located neighborhood hubs
- Allows buses to get through routes faster and pick up more students
- Takes into account recent transportation opt-outs

Impact:

- Students may walk further to a bus stop
- Families may receive new bus routes and pick up/drop off times



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Explore adjusting school bell times

Why?

- Would allow for buses to run a second (double) route within a tier to pick up more students

Impacts:

- Bell times would need to adjust by about 15-30 minutes at some schools

Considerations:

- Dependent on ability to extend bus drivers' hours and change staff times

Explore transportation reimbursement

Why?

- Reimburse families impacted by busing disruption for some of the costs of transporting students

Considerations:

- Financial impact
- Eligibility/MDE requirements
- Additional staff time
- Impact on non-public/charter schools

Questions?