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## MEMO

TO: School Principals, Assistant Principals

FROM: Matthew D. Thompson, EdD, Superintendent

DATE: June 29, 2018

RE: Transportation cost changes for 2018-2019 school year

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For the past few years, the district has been able to subsidize to a great extent the cost of transportation for school trips. School groups have only had to pay \$1.00 per mile and \$12.50 per hour, however, the actual cost of the trips has been \$3.31 per mile plus the actual hourly cost of the driver (which has often included overtime pay) averaging over \$18.00 per hour for non overtime and over \$28.00 per hour for overtime. The result has been the district covering approximately 60% of the cost of all instructional trips. This has been a great thing, however, during lean economic times, it becomes more difficult.

During the May 21, 2018 Board Meeting, the Montgomery County Board of Education voted to make the following change in order to address increasing costs:

Beginning July 1, 2018, The amount charged to school groups for instructional trips will be \$2.00 per mile and \$17.50 per hour.

This change still provides the district subsidizing the cost of instructional trips at just under 40% of the total cost but does increase the amount school groups will need to pay.

Please pass this information on to your teachers and school groups so that they can take this information into consideration when planning for the 2018-2019 school year.