

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

**DATE:** May 4, 2023

**TOPIC:** 5.3 – Pupil Transportation Update

**PRESENTER:** Dan Pyan – Executive Director of Finance and Operations

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**REFERENCE TO POLICY/STATUTE:** 707 Transportation of Public-School Students

### A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- a. The School District’s transportation department is responsible for transporting over 12,000 students per day.
- b. The district has about 100 general education and 66 special education routes that run on a daily basis.
- c. Minnesota State statute requires school districts to transport all students who live more than two miles from their school. The SoWashCo school district provides transportation for all elementary students who live more than one mile away from school, all middle school students who live more than 1.5 miles from school, and all high schooler students who live more than 2 miles from school.
- d. A shortage of available bus drivers has caused the cancellation of routes and left families with the task of getting their children to school.
- e. A transportation steering committee has been convened to explore solutions to the staffing problem.
- f. A new opt-in process has been implemented to guide routing.
- g. We will update the School Board on opt-in process and progress

### B. RECOMMENDATION

No action required, information only.





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