

Transportation Update

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SORTA/Metro



Update

- Public Records Request Sent to SORTA/Metro
 - Daily ridership of students on passes purchased by CPS
 - Comparative ridership data for the previous 5 years, if available
 - On Time Performance on Metro routes used by students to commute to and from school
- List of passes to be deactivated emailed to SORTA on October 29, 2021

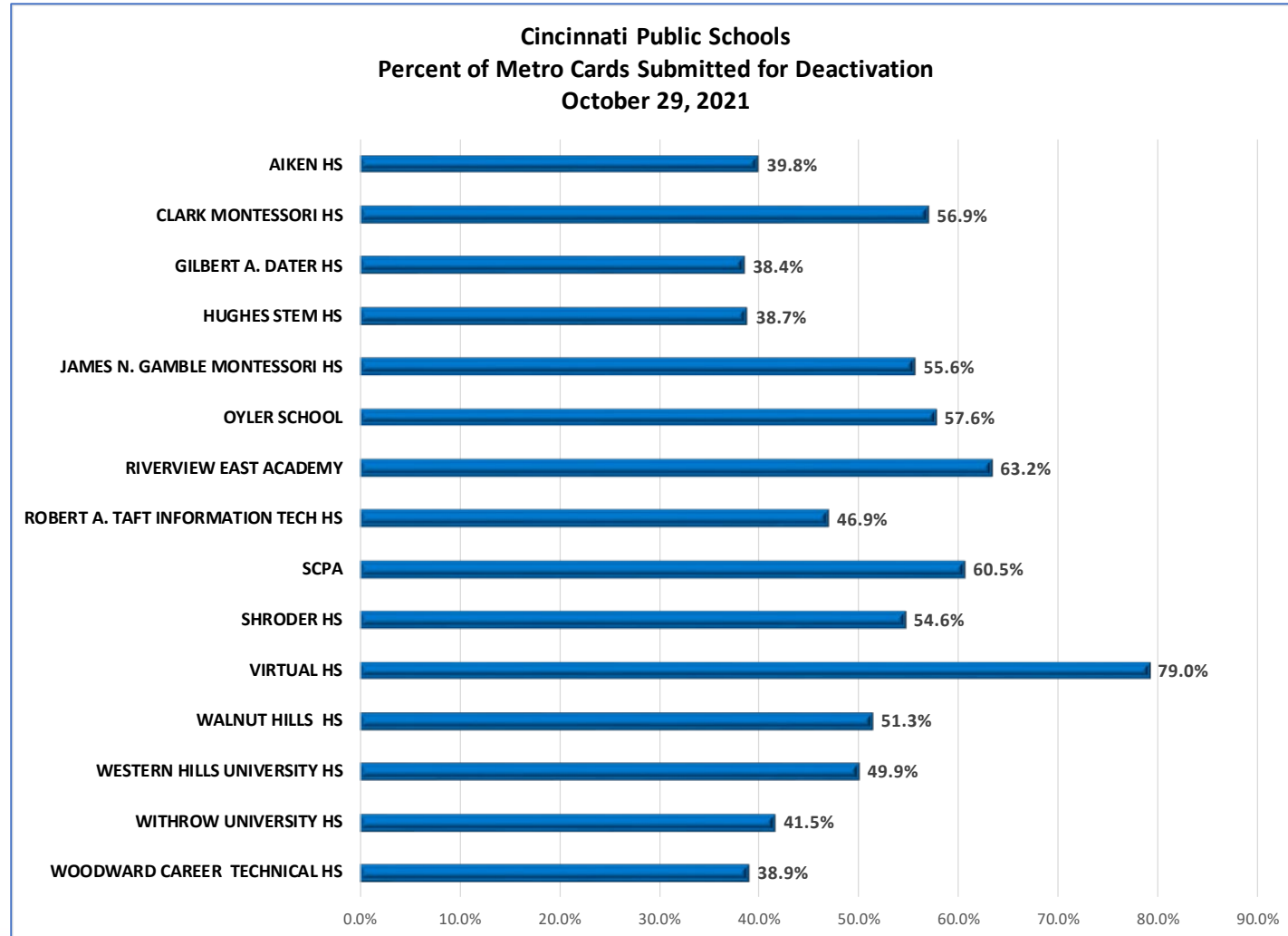


Unused Metro Bus Passes

- SORTA was asked to deactivate 7,760 (52.6%) bus passes
 - 6,500 – CPS Students
 - 1,260 – Non-Public Schools Students
- We are requesting a credit from SORTA in the amount of \$2,444,400 for 7,760 unused passes



Summary of Unused Passes by School



Principal Survey

- High School Principals were surveyed concerning SORTA Metro services from October 14 – 25
- Eleven high school principals responded
- Results are as follows:
 - 55% indicated students arrived to school on time most of the time
 - 82% indicated student arrival times are worse than previous years
 - 73% indicated more parent complaints than previous years
 - 73% indicated wait time for Metro buses to transport students home is worse than in previous years



Next Steps – SORTA Metro

- Continue to advocate for restoration of XTRA routes
- Continue to research alternative options for student transportation



Yellow Bus Update for 7th and 8th grade



Analysis of Yellow Bus Service for 7th and 8th Grade

- Providing 7th and 8th-graders at all schools with yellow bus service is not feasible for FY 2022
- Recommend piloting at two high schools: Shroder and Clark Montessori
- Parents will be surveyed to ascertain interest



Cost of Service for Yellow Bus Pilot

- Estimated cost to transport eligible 7th and 8th-grade students at Shroder and Clark Montessori is \$414,000 for second semester
 - Ten buses available from vendor to provide this additional service
 - Cost for yellow buses: 10 buses x \$460 per day x 90 days = \$414,000
- This cost to be offset by Metro credit for deactivated bus passes
 - Cost per Metro bus pass: \$315
 - Number of passes to be deactivated: 7,760
 - Credit for deactivation: $\$315 \times 7,760 = \$2,444,400$



Next Steps – 7th and 8th Grade Yellow Bus Service

- Analyze 7th and 8th grade survey results
- If there is significant interest, ascertain feasibility of beginning additional routes as early as January 2022



Transportation Department Next Steps



Next Steps for the Transportation Department

- Post transportation RFP by November 5
- Fill Transportation Director position
- Post RFP for route optimization study





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