

# Transportation Update

September 28, 2021



**Ocean View School District**



## Background

- For the past few years, OVSD has made difficult decisions to reduce unfunded liabilities and non-required programs that have had a negative fiscal impact.
- Transportation encroachment has been \$1.8 - \$2.2 million annually in OVSD.
- School districts are not required to provide transportation, except for some special programs.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, OVSD made a decision to suspend fee-based transportation for the 2020-21 school year.
- Other factors: Lack of availability of bus drivers in Orange County and increased cost to provide outside transportation services.
- Nationwide shortage of school bus drivers.



## Background

- Transportation was provided for Marine View students to the Interim Site in 2020-21 using Measure R Bond funds.
- 7 of 13 nearby districts in Orange and Los Angeles counties surveyed do not provide fee-based transportation.
- 4 of the 5 neighboring districts do not provide fee-based transportation.



## Survey

- Survey sent to Marine View families
- 209 out of 451 responded
- 28 people said they would participate in busing for \$250 per month
- 26 people said they would participate in Kids' Club for \$335 per month



## Transportation Cost

### Approximate Costs of a Bus Route

OVSD Staff \$55,000 (Does not include overhead)

Contracted Busing \$113,000 (84 passenger bus)

### Issues:

Increased unfunded liability (encroachment)

Nationwide bus driver shortages

Limited availability of contracted services

Limited interest to fill buses to capacity



# Transportation Cost - General Fund

2018-19	Current	Additional Route*
25 Routes	15 Routes	16 Routes
19 Drivers	12 Drivers	12 Drivers
3 Sub Drivers	1 Sub Driver	1 Sub Driver
3 Outside Vendor	3 Outside Vendor	4 Outside Vendor
3 Mechanics	2 Mechanics	2 Mechanics
9 Drivers with H&W	5 Drivers with H&W	5 Drivers with H&W
<b><u>Encroachment</u></b>	<b><u>Projected Encroachment</u></b>	<b><u>Projected Encroachment</u></b>
<b>\$2,273,728</b>	<b>\$1,887,728</b>	<b>\$2,000,728</b>
*Note: Does not include revenue for fee-based transportation		



# Fee-Based Transportation Options

## Contracted One Bus Route \$113,000 Subsidized

Annual Bus Fee	45 Students revenue (subsidy)	28 Students revenue (subsidy)
\$1,000	\$45,000 (\$68,000)	\$28,000 (\$85,000)
\$800	\$36,000 (\$77,000)	\$22,400 (\$90,600)
\$600	\$27,000 (\$86,000)	\$16,800 (\$96,200)

Reduced by 25% for low-income families.



# Kids Club Costs and Revenues

Program Cost for Kids' Club = \$95,000

Kids' Club Tuition	26 Students revenue (subsidy)	32 Students revenue
9 months @ \$335 per month	\$78,390 (\$16,610)	\$96,480

Issues:

Increased unfunded liability

Staffing shortages

Limited interest to fill class





## Recommendation & Next Steps

- Offer fee-based transportation in high interest areas (Harbour to Marine View).
- Communicate that fee-based transportation in high interest areas will be offered this school year, and transportation needs will be reviewed annually.
- Seek Board direction on fees.
- Continue to monitor interest in Kids' Club.