

Transportation Update 2020-21

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Transportation

Purpose to Review:

- Background
- Issues
- Staff Recommendation
- Board Direction

Transportation Background

Transportation encroachment presented at Budget Adoption

- 2017-18
- 2018-29
- 2019-20
- 2020-21

Transportation Background

November 2019 Comparative Budget Analysis, presented district goal to reduce fiscal impact beginning 2020-21 school year and bring budget reduction recommendations for Board action:

- Fee Based Pre-School
- Transportation
- Instructional Assistants

February 2020 presented Transportation Reduction Plan to reduce number of bus drivers, bus mechanic, increase transportation fees, inform impacted employees and CSEA, and bring Layoff Resolution to a future Board Meeting. Board provided direction to proceed.

Transportation Background

March 2020, 2nd Interim Budget presentation included reductions for 2020-21 budget:

- Transportation
 - Lead mechanic
 - 6 bus drivers

May 2020 Board approved Resolution No. 20:1920 to eliminate lead mechanic and six bus drivers.

June 2020 Budget Adoption included transportation budget reduction approximately \$700,000.

July 2020 Revised Budget included transportation staffing rebudgeted due to State Budget language, Revised Budget only includes Certified Transportation reduction.

Transportation Background

COVID-19 pandemic March 13 through June 30, 2020 -

State legislature passed law that required schools districts to pay for salaries of non-working employees, which included transportation.

Legislation also included requirement to pay for impacted contracts, such as Certified Transportation.

State Budget Act restricted districts from laying off transportation staff.

Transportation Issues

Staff cost analysis of transportation services for Special Education, Oak View Community, Marine View middle school modernization, fee-based transportation cost prohibitive to provide all services.

Expectations to also provide similar safety measures as school sites and classrooms:

- Social distancing
- Mask wearing
- Staffing
 - Number of drivers/busses needed
 - Temperature checks
 - Student supervision – bus pick up
 - Student line up prior to entering bus

Transportation -- Staff Recommendations

August 2020, staff recommendation for the 2020-21 Transportation Plan to provide the legally mandated transportation of Special Education students, and the middle students who reside in the Oak View community.

The District to not provide fee-based transportation, and not provide transportation for the Marine View middle school students to the Interim Site while Marine View is being modernized.

Due to COVID-19 and the expectation to arrange for social distancing, providing transportation for Marine View and fee-based transportation is cost prohibitive, requiring contracted services to Certified Transportation, of up to an additional \$2,000,000 or more to the General Fund.

Transportation -- Board Direction

Staff requests consensus and support to move forward with the following recommendations:

1. Provide transportation at no charge –
 - a. Legally mandated transportation for Special Education students, and
 - b. Middle students who reside in the Oak View community
2. Due to COVID-19 and the cost impact to the District's General Fund, to not provide transportation for:
 - a. Marine View middle school students to the Interim Site, and
 - b. Fee-based transportation

Questions?