1. Viability Requirements

Operational Feasibility: Ability to consistently staff and operate the transportation system, provide reliable, on-time service, and meet legal transportation requirements, including planned ride times of 60 minutes for elementary and 75 minutes for high school and bus stops within .75 miles of a student's residence.		
Green	**Yellow**	**Red**
Can be reliably staffed and operated, provides sufficient route time for consistent, on-time service, and meets legal transportation requirements.	Can be operated and provide on-time service, but with limited flexibility for delays or disruptions.	Cannot be reliably staffed or operated, does not provide sufficient route time, or creates a significant risk to consistent, on-time service.

🟢 Green = Move forward. 🟡 Yellow = Significant modification or additional analysis required. 🔴 Red = Stop. Option is not viable.

Financial Implications: Impact of the schedule on transportation costs, including routes, buses, drivers, and other operating expenses.		
Green	**Yellow**	**Red**
Reduces transportation costs through fewer routes, buses, drivers, or other efficiencies.	Maintains transportation costs at approximately current levels.	Increases transportation costs by requiring additional routes, buses, drivers, or other resources.

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2. District Priorities

Developmentally Appropriate Start Times: Alignment with research and best practices regarding student sleep, learning, attendance, and developmental needs across PreK–4, 5–6, 7–8, and 9–12.		
Green	**Yellow**	**Red**
Strong alignment with developmentally appropriate start times across grade levels	Some developmental tradeoffs for one or more grade levels	Significant misalignment with research and developmental needs
Athletics & Extracurricular Access: Impact on instructional time for middle and high school activities and availability of district buses for extracurricular transportation.		
Green	**Yellow**	**Red**
Minimizes early release and increases availability of yellow buses for activities	Some early release and/or charter transportation remains necessary	Creates significant instructional-time loss and/or substantial reliance on charter transportation

3. Value Added Opportunities

Transportation Flexibility & Access: Capacity to provide additional transportation options, such as paid routes, community stops, or other service models that expand access for students and families.		
Green	**Yellow**	**Red**
Creates meaningful capacity for additional transportation options	Creates limited capacity or flexibility	Uses available capacity and provides little or no opportunity for additional options