



Transportation Update

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Overview and Purpose

- ▶ 2013–14 Transportation Statistics
 - Number of buses/ Ridership
 - On-time performance
 - Call Center

- ▶ Students in Transition
 - Year-to-date Trends
 - Van Program

- ▶ Recommendations/Next Steps



Transportation Buses and Ridership

- ▶ Buses for FY12–13 vs. FY13–14
 - Total
 - FY12–13 = 305 (216 Regular/89 SPED)
 - FY13–14 = 305 (221 Regular/84 SPED)
- ▶ Ridership
 - FY12–13 – 21,649 scheduled riders
 - 55% magnet students
 - 45% neighborhood students
 - FY13–14 – 20,445 scheduled riders
 - 57% magnet students
 - 43% neighborhood students



Transportation On-Time Performance and Call Center

- ▶ First Day
 - FY12-13 = 64%
 - FY13-14 = 71%

- ▶ Currently
 - FY12-13 = 93% AM and 94% PM
 - FY13-14 = 95% AM and 96% PM
 - Ended last year at 96% AM and 96% PM

- ▶ Call Center through October
 - FY12-13 = 15,693 calls
 - FY13-14 = 16,517 calls
 - Bus status and stop information



Students in Transition (SIT) Year-to-Date Trends Thru September

- Harris Cab – Intra-district
 - Have worked proactively with First Student to put as many SIT students on buses as possible – Over 300 students assigned to buses so far this year
 - Achieved 30% cost reduction through September
 - Financial impact if trend continues
 - \$148K lower than 2012-13
- Metro and EMT – City to County Schools
 - Student population up 77% vs. last year in September
 - Costs are up 111% in September due to higher number of trips to districts that are further away – Parkway, Francis Howell, Wentzville, Ritenour, Pattonville
 - Financial impact if trend continues
 - \$1.194 million in additional cab costs vs. 2012-13
 - Would be offset by 50% county reimbursement
 - Net impact to district \$597K vs. 2012-13
- Billed by County – County to City Schools
 - Appears to be tracking at same level as last year but only one month of data



Students in Transition Van Program

- First Student has procured 10 vans (small buses) for transporting SIT students
 - No cost to district unless van is being used
 - Breakeven on cost with more than 5 students per van
 - Currently have 5 vans in operation – to University City (2), Hazelwood, Riverview Gardens, and Francis Howell
- Logistical issues:
 - After-school programs, bell time coordination, meeting acceptable time on bus and time before school, and student mobility
- Project annual savings of \$100K once all 10 vans are in use
- Will secure additional vans if demand and economics can justify



Recommendations/ Next Steps

- Amend the board resolution for SIT transportation for an additional \$1.09 million to bring up to the budgeted amount
 - \$1 million approved for 1st 6 months
 - \$2.09 million in 2013–14 budget for cabs and county reimbursement
 - Last year spent \$2.1 million
- Continue to expand van program for additional savings
- Explore other opportunities to reduce bus and cab costs
- Monitor and update on trends