

# Transportation Budget Workshop\*

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\* For a narrative summary of the information in this power point, please read transportation news release dated March 8 listed under the news release heading on this web page.

# Transportation Review

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- Eliminating routes by increasing average load
  - 50 students per run for secondary
  - 60 students per run for elementary
- Decreasing route mileage by increasing the student walk-to-stop
  - Up to ½ mile for secondary students
  - Up to 1000 feet for elementary students

# Transportation Review

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- Shifting bell schedules to improve the routing efficiency
  - Elementary 8:10 to 3:10
  - Middle School 8:55 to 3:55
  - High School remains unchanged
- Reviewing all hazardous areas within two-miles of schools; eliminating service in areas that do not meet conditions for hazardous area service

# Pay Transportation

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- Currently we have 222 riders across the district paying \$27 a month.
  - 126 pay riders are elementary students
- There are 7 runs dedicated to just pay riders.
  - 109 students on those seven runs
  - \$20,000 a year loss
- Recommend canceling the program

# After School Runs

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## ■ General Activity Runs

- HS has 48 runs with 728 riders (4 days a week)
  - \$311,000 this year
- MS has 46 runs with 735 riders (4.2 days a week)
  - \$311,000 this year

## ■ Tutorial Runs after school

- HS has 5 runs with 77 riders (3.2 days a week)
- MS has 27 runs with 418 riders (2.5 days a week)
- ES has 8 runs with 214 riders (2.4 days a week)

# Hazardous Area Review

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- Eliminate service in areas that do not meet conditions for hazardous area service
- ES #45 - no safe passage across highway 521
  - All areas to be bused
- Ridge Point High School - no hazardous areas within the 2 mile walk zone
  - No bus service in the walk zone

# Hazardous Area Review

SCHOOL	RECOMMENDATION	PROPOSED REASON FOR CHANGE
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>		
BUSH	Stop busing North of Bellaire Blvd and East of Fm 1464(Great Oaks North)	Safe walk path established leading to the student parking lot
KEMPNER	Stop busing Covington Woods and Gannoway Lakes Subdivision.	Completed walk path and a traffic light. Several students are currently walking by choice.
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>		
CROCKETT	Stop busing Bradford Park Subdivision (south of Beechnut and west of Harlem Rd.)	Safe walk path has been established.

# Hazardous Area Review

SCHOOL	RECOMMENDATION	PROPOSED REASON FOR CHANGE
<b>ELEMENTARY</b>		
ARMSTRONG	Stop busing the Fifth Street area.	Fifth Street Rd. has improved infrastructure, traffic light and a school crossing guard
COLONY MEADOWS	(1) Stop busing West of Sweetwater; (2) Gables Austin Colony Apts. @ 1800 Austin Pkwy.	Infrastructure improvements West of Sweetwater Blvd; traffic light and crossing guards at Greystone Way and Elkins Rd intersections
CORNERSTONE	(1) Stop busing North of New Territory Blvd (2) Stop busing East of University	Traffic lights established; need crossing guard.
GOODMAN	Stop busing west of South Post Oak Rd and south of Ave. C	Safe walk path
JORDAN	Stop busing West of FM 1464 and West of Westmoor	Safe walk path has been established.
PECAN GROVE	Stop busing South of Plantation Drive and Timothy Lane	Safe walk path: residential neighborhood with stop signs; may need a crossing guard

# Transportation Savings

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- Reduction of 42 routes
  - \$1.6 million
- Eliminating general activity after-school runs
  - \$622,000
- Cancel Pay Transportation program
  - \$20,000
- Hazardous Area review
  - Saves mileage on equipment and captured in overall route reduction savings.