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**TRANSPORTATION  
BUDGET PRESENTATION  
FY21**

# **BRIEF OVERVIEW OF TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

- Budget Information
- Additional Transportation Information
- Busing Tiers
- Vendor/Contracts
- Challenges

# OVERVIEW

- 52 regular education buses.
- 37 specialized transportation buses.
- Currently transport 7,500 students daily.
- Provide over 2 million rides a year (AM & PM combined).

# BUDGET LINES

- Regular - \$ 3,376,787 (2020) \$ TBD (2021)
- SPED - \$4,044,931 (2020) \$ TBD(2021)
  
- Contract is going out to bid

# WHERE WE GO

- Provide transportation to:
    - 17 Nashua School District schools
    - The Brentwood Program
    - Clearway
    - 3 catholic schools in Nashua
    - 2 charter schools In Nashua
- Cost of \$121,320

# TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY

- We transport students:
  - Who live more than 1 mile from an elementary school or more than 2 miles from a middle school or high school.
  - Who are in transition and require transportation to their homeschool (less disruption).
  - Who have transportation requirement written into their IEP.

# **ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED**

- High school shuttles
- Late buses
- Vocational education buses
- Summer school buses for ELL, SPED, Summer Power Scholars

# ROUTE VS. RUN VS. TIER

- **ROUTE:** A route is typically made up of 3 runs (1 run in each tier). A high school run (tier 1), a middle school run (tier 2) and an elementary run (tier 3).
- **RUN:** One (1) trip to and from a school for a group of students.
- **TIER:** All buses running in a particular time frame (Nashua has 3 tiers).



# NASHUA PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL TIMES 2017 – 2018

NHS SOUTH	7:20 – 2:03	} Tier 1
NHS NORTH	7:20 – 2:03	
BISHOP GUERTIN.....	7:45 – 2:00	
NASHUA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY HS.....	8:00 – 2:40	
PENNICHUCK MS	8:00 – 2:43	} Tier 2
ELM STREET MS	8:00 – 2:43	
FAIRGROUNDS MS	8:00 – 2:43	
NASHUA CATHOLIC.....	8:00 – 2:30	
AMHERST STREET.....	8:15 – 2:40	
BROAD STREET.....	8:15 – 2:40	
DR. CRISP.....	8:15 – 2:40	
FAIRGROUNDS ELEMENTARY.....	8:15 – 2:40	
LEDGE STREET.....	8:15 – 2:40	
MOUNT PLEASANT.....	8:15 – 2:40	
ST. CHRISTOPHER'S.....	9:00 – 3:00	} Tier 3
BICENTENNIAL.....	9:00 – 3:25	
BIRCH HILL.....	9:00 – 3:25	
CHARLOTTE AVE.....	9:00 – 3:25	
MAIN DUNSTABLE.....	9:00 – 3:25	
NEW SEARLES.....	9:00 – 3:25	
SUNSET HEIGHTS.....	9:00 – 3:25	
ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND DESIGN...	8:00 – 3:30	
MICRO SOCIETY ACADEMY.....	9:15 – 3:40	

# OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION

Currently providing transportation to 57 students to schools out of Nashua such as:

- Lighthouse (Chelmsford)
- Valley Collaborative (Billerica & Tyngsboro)
- C.R.E.S.T. (Methuen)
- Dr. Franklin Perkins
- Parker Academy (Concord)
- Longview (Deerfield)
- Germaine Lawrence (Arlington)
- Hollis/Brookline (Hollis)
- Learning Skills Academy (Rye)
- Melmark (Andover, MA)
- Nashoba Learning (Bedford, MA)
- RSEC (Amherst)
- Spaulding (Rochester)
- MPA Day School (Plymouth)

Currently providing transportation to 18 students living outside of Nashua to Nashua Schools

**Total Cost: \$581,950**

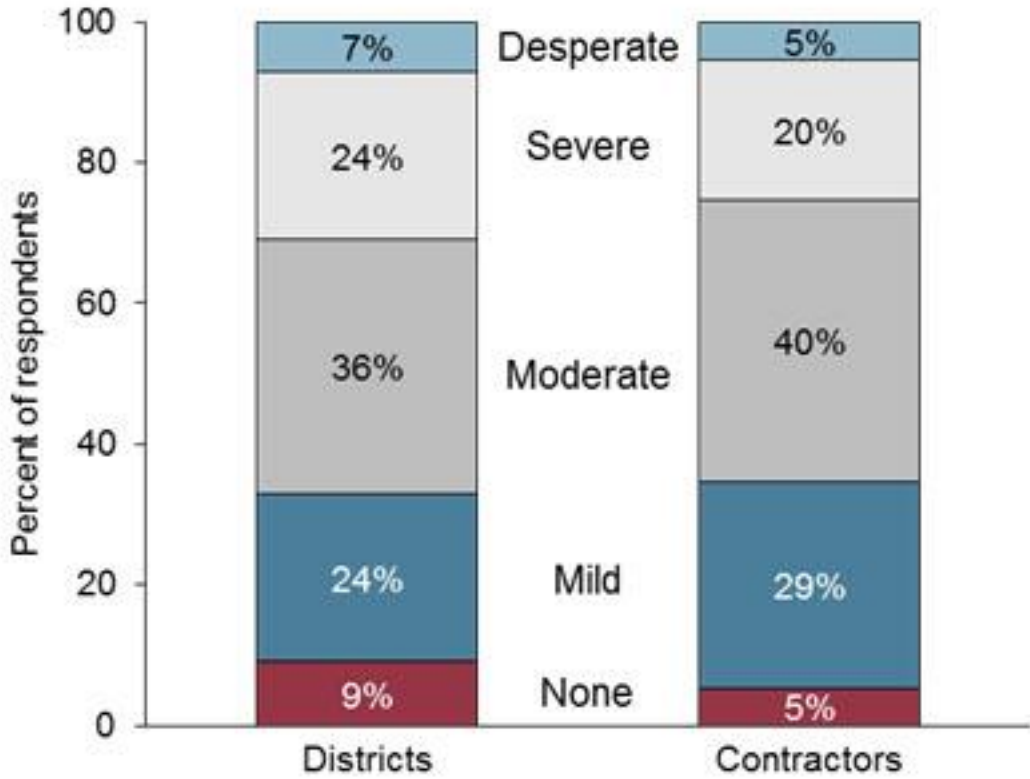
# VENDORS

- First Student - Provide all in-district transportation (we are in the last year of our contract with First Student).
  - Contract negotiations are on going.
- Durham, Caring Hands and North Reading Transportation are commonly used vendors for students going out of district.

# NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS DRIVER SHORTAGE

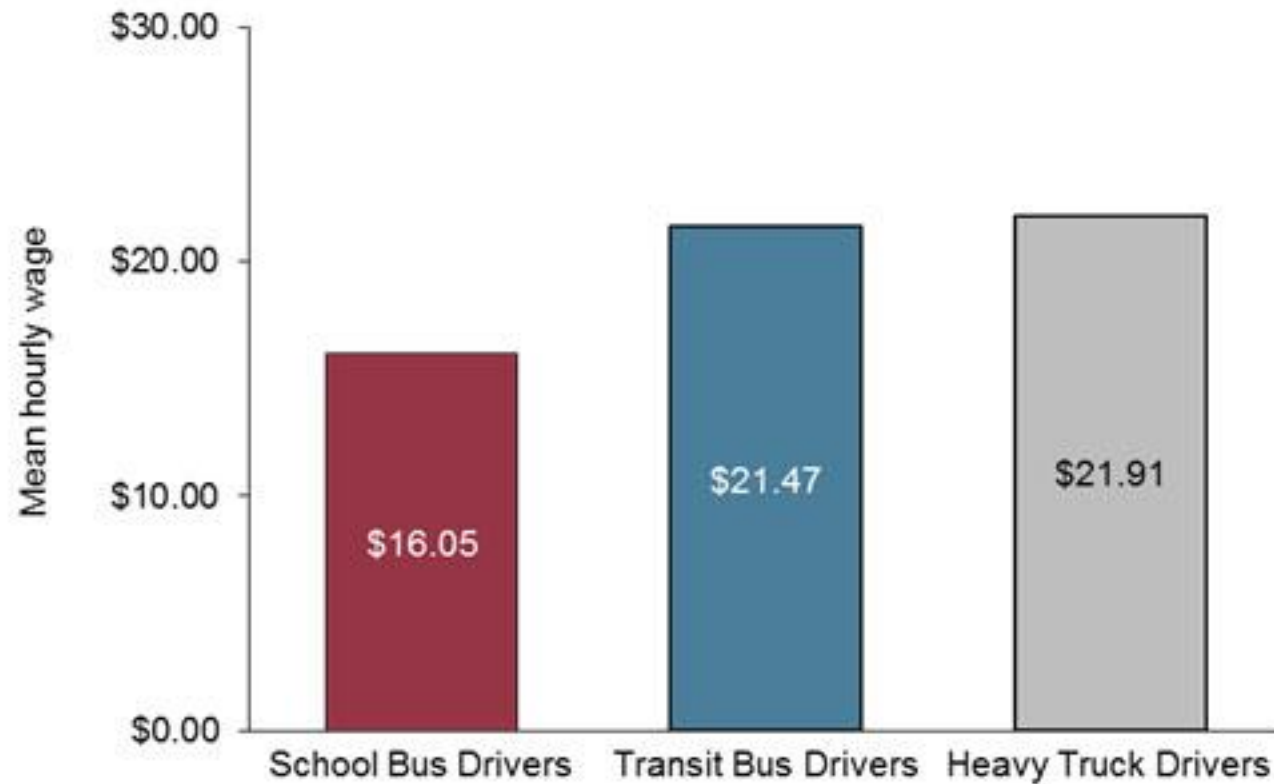
- The country has a shortage of school-bus drivers which 22 percent of private bus contractors call "severe," according to a recent survey by School Bus Fleet Magazine.
- Five percent of school-bus contractors are "desperate" to find drivers, the survey found.

# Reported levels of school bus driver shortage 2018



Source: School Bus Fleet

## Mean hourly wages of select professions requiring a CDL 2018



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

# BUS TICKETS

- High school transportation is not mandated by the state; therefore, we can charge a bus fee.
- Tickets cost \$65 for a full year or \$32.50 for a half year.
- Students eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch received a free or reduced pass.
- We currently have 2,184 high school ticket holders.

# TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES

- Driver/monitor shortage.
- District-wide SPED programs (including pre-k) bus runs, by nature, are inefficient.
- Charter schools - school-day length is different than the Nashua Public Schools; therefore, it is difficult to fit them onto an existing tier.
- Transitional students - Students move often and routes need to be adapted quickly and efficiently as to not interrupt their schooling.



# WHAT'S NEW IN TRANSPORTATION

- Online Ticket sales went live in January
- *Edulog* software upgrade is currently on going. First major upgrade in 14 years.
- Implementation of First View Parent App and District dashboard scheduled for late spring.
- Due to a change in state law (NH RSA 189:6), we will begin transporting Kindergarten students next year (SY20-21) for the first time.