

# Transportation Report

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## Department Overview

- 36 buses and drivers, 3 mechanics, 3 administrators
- Bus repair and maintenance building
- Bus parking area
- Administration building
- Fuel storage & pumping facility

Combined CPS & CCRSD FY2013 budget of \$1,895,120

Combined Budgets for Benefits      \$290,000

Total Cost      \$2,185,120

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## Timeline

- Summer 2011 – CCHS building project design and site selection discussion indicate transportation facility may be affected
- Impact and options assessment initiated
- August 2011 - Administration retains consultant for bid development to outsource bus operations as a potential option

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September 28, 2011

- MSBA commits \$28M to \$92.5M CCHS building project with location that impacts transportation facility
- Impact to transportation operation is now definite

October 5, 2011

- Transportation staff notified of range of changes being assessed

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- October 2011 – Bus bid specifications developed
- Specifications required to mirror existing level of service and routes to minimize impact for students and parents and to provide fair cost comparison to school system operation
  - School system will retain ownership of school bus fleet for future flexibility

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## CPS/CCRSD Transportation Bid Timeline

- 11.7.2011 Legally required advertisement
- 11.16.2011 Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting Held
  - 12 bus companies attend
- 12.7.11 Bids are due; 2 companies submit bids
- 12.8.2011 Bids are analyzed and First Student is determined to be responsive and responsible bidder with lowest cost of \$1,811,829

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January 2012- Administration concludes internal assessment of school system operated transportation service delivery options

- Impact of losing in-house repair capabilities
  - Increased cost of bus repairs      \$215K - \$300K
- Shared cost of building in house capabilities determined as \$1.2 to \$1.3M without land cost
  - Bus Repair Garage      \$400K
  - Paving & Parking Infrastructure      \$375K
  - Fuel Tanks & Pumps      \$225K
  - Relocate or Replace Admin Building      \$185 - \$300K

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## Savings With Contractor Operated Fleet

- Inhouse Cost	<u>Savings</u>
- Contractor Cost	\$2,185,120
	<u>\$1,811,829</u>
	<u>Savings</u>
	<u>\$373,291</u>

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## Conclusions

- Annual Savings with Contractor \$375K
- Contractor does not require \$1.2M capital cost
- FY2013 budgets do not include \$285K for purchasing 3 new buses

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School Bus Survey  
12/20/2011

District	Own/Operate Fleet (y or n)	Charge Fee (y or n)	Fee Details
Acton	y	n	no fees
Carlisle	n	y	Free for students K-6; fees for all 7-8 riders: 1st child \$395; each additional child \$197.50; no family cap. Reduced or waived fees may be considered for eligible families.
Lincoln	n	y	Free for students K-6, >2 miles; fees for <2 miles and all 7-8 riders: 1st child \$275; 2nd child \$200; 3rd child \$100; family cap \$575. Reduced or waived fees may be considered for eligible families.
Sudbury	n	y	Free for students K-6, >2 miles; fees for <2 miles and all 7-8 riders: \$350 per child, family cap \$635. Financial assistance/scholarships available.
Bedford	n	n	no fees
Lexington	n	y	Free for students K-6, >2 miles; fees for <2 miles and all 7-8 riders: \$550 per child pre May 27 and \$600 post May 27, family cap \$1,600. \$275 each additional route. Financial assistance available.
Needham	n*	y	Free for students K-6, >2 miles; fees for <2 miles and all 7-8 riders: K: \$185 one-way, \$370 round trip pre June 13, post is \$210 and \$420. 1-8: \$370 per child pre May 1 and \$420 post May 1, family cap \$750 pre and \$750 plus \$50 post. Financial assistance available.
Wayland	n	y	Free for students K-6, >2 miles; fees for <2 miles and all 7-8 riders: \$180 per child pre June 30 and \$230 post June 30, family cap \$500. Financial assistance available.
Wellesley	n	y	Free for students K-6, >2 miles; fees for <2 miles and all 7-8 riders: 1st child \$512; family cap \$1,124. Reduced or waived fees may be considered for eligible families.
Weston	y	n	no fees