

GALLATIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

PROPOSAL To: DOROTHY PERKINS

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Gallatin county schools
Maximizing student learning
and achievement

PURPOSE

*To propose changes to our Pre-School, special Needs, and Head start school bus routes resulting in a savings to the Gallatin County School District of **\$ 53,757.71.***

Overview

THE PROBLEM WITH THE CURRENT ROUTES

Currently we are running 4 buses 4 routes a day (an A.M., 2 MIDDAY, and a P.M. routes each) with all transporting Pre-School, Special Needs, and Headstart students. With all 4 drivers getting paid for a 8 hour day and monitors getting paid for a 7 hour day. Causing unnecessary time for students on the bus, fuel cost, and employee cost. At a total cost of \$ 227,044.81.

A solution to the problem

Reduce the Midday routes by two. The way to do this is to have Two designated Pre-School routes and two Special Needs / Headstart routes with one of each covering the East end of the county and the other covering the West end of the county. Since the Pre-School children only go to school for $\frac{1}{2}$ day thus, having an A.M. class in the morning, then pick up the P.M. class at Midday drop them at school pick up the A.M. class and take them home and at the end of the day they would take home the P.M. class with no child being on the bus for more than 1 hour. Resulting in an 8 hour day for the 2 drivers and a 7 hour day for the 2 monitors of these buses.

The Special Needs / Headstart drivers would only have a A.M. and a P.M. route since these children go to school all day there would be no need for them to have a midday route. Resulting in these two drivers only having a 4 hour day and the monitors having a 4 hour day. Resulting in a savings of \$ 47,195.28 in employee cost and a savings of \$ 6,562.43 in fuel cost. Resulting in a total savings of \$ 53,757.71

COST NOW

NOW:

DRIVERS:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 4 \text{ drivers @ 8 hours per day} & = & \$ 704.64 \text{ per day} \\ 4 \text{ days a week} & & \times 177 \text{ days} \\ \hline & = & \$ 124,721.28 \text{ per year} \end{array}$$

MONITORS:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 4 \text{ monitors @ 7 hours per day} & = & \$ 422.24 \text{ per day} \\ 4 \text{ days a week} & & \times 177 \text{ days} \\ \hline & = & \$ 74,736.48 \text{ per year} \end{array}$$

Fuel:

4 buses running 4 routes each per day 4 days a week = \$ 27,587.05 avg. fuel cost per year.

TOTAL COST: = \$ 227,044.81

COST WITH PROPOSED CHANGES

DRIVERS:

2 drivers @ 8 hours per day = \$ 352.32 per day
4 days per week x 177 days

= \$ 62,360.64 PER YEAR

2 DRIVERS @ 4 HOURS PER DAY = \$ 176.16 PER DAY
X 177 DAYS

= \$ 31,353.28 PER YEAR **SAVINGS = \$ 31,180.32**

MONITORS:

2 monitors @ 7 hours per day = \$ 211.12 per day
4 days a week x 177 days

\$ 37,368.24 per year

2 monitors @ 4 hours a day = \$ 120.64 per day
4 days a week x 177 days

\$ 21,353.28 per year **SAVINGS = \$ 16,014.96**

Fuel: = \$21,024.62 avg. fuel cost per year **TOTAL SAVINGS = \$ 6,562.43**

2 buses running 4 routes per day and 2 buses running 2 routes per day 4 days a week.

TOTAL COSTS: = \$ 173,287.02 TOTAL SAVINGS = \$ 53,757.71

ALTERNATE SOLUTION TO INCREASE SAVINGS

Decrease the pay for Midday Drivers from 4 hours to 3 hours.
Resulting in a savings of **\$ 7,795.08** per year.

Decrease the pay for Vocational school Drivers from 4 hours to 3 hours.
Resulting in a savings of **\$ 7,795.08** per year.

Decrease the pay for Midday Monitors from 3 hours to 2 hours.
Resulting in a savings of **\$ 5,338.32** per year.

One other way to increase savings is to reduce the 3 one hour town route positions that are currently serving Asbury Point and the West end of Warsaw. Having the Pre-School buses transport those students time allowing. Doing this would eliminate Terrie Bowman's bus route, which is a one hour morning and afternoon route. We could then move Terrie from 6 hours in the garage office to full time 8 hours at **\$ 14.37 per hour** with a pay cut of **\$ 2.95 per hour**, and full time Driver Trainer giving her the opportunity to fulfill her duties in evaluating drivers and routes, also substitute driving as needed.

Resulting in additional savings of **\$ 1,182.36**

TOTAL SAVINGS FOR THESE ADDITIONAL CHANGES = \$ 22,110.84

IMPLEMENTING THESE ADDITIONAL SAVINGS WOULD BRING THE TOTAL SAVINGS TO **\$ 75,868.55 PER YEAR.**

With cuts in Federal Funding making these reductions as laid out in this proposal would greatly help in the cost effectiveness of our Transportation Department, thus saving the Gallatin County School District needed funds.