

1. Transportation eligibility requirements for private school students are the same as for public school students.
 - Must be age 5 by September 1st.
 - Must be enrolled in grades K-5; or in grades 6-12 if the residence is in an area where no public transportation is available.
 - Reside more than 1.5 miles from the school attended (exceptions are made where officially recognized unusual hazards exist).
 - Reside within the boundaries of the Madison Metropolitan School District.
 - Reside within the boundaries of the private school's attendance area.

2. There are approximately 276 private school students currently being bussed.

3. Eligible students attending the following private schools receive contracts:
 - Abundant Life Christian
 - Eagle School
 - Eastside Lutheran
 - Edgewood
 - Holy Cross
 - High Point Christian School
 - Immaculate Heart of Mary
 - Lighthouse Christian
 - Madison Central Montessori
 - Madison Country Day School
 - Our Redeemer Lutheran
 - St. Dennis
 - St. Johns
 - Walbridge
 - Westside Christian
 - Wingra

4. Six public school students were given contracts in 2007-08. They attend Memorial, Sherman and Chavez.

5. Worksheet used to determine the average cost of transporting public school students is attached.

6. Information on the number of students offered contracts greater than the average cost will not be available until after May 15th, 2007.

7. Worksheet used to determine the cost of transporting private school students is included here.

8. If 276 contracts were issued (same number of students that currently ride), it would cost \$125,039.04.

The face value of the contracts for 2007-08 is unknown at this time.
Administrative costs are minimal.

The true net savings is undetermined for 2007-08. The best I can provide is the savings based on 2006-07 (see worksheet).



March 29, 2007

Stephen Bolser
Our Lady Queen of Peace
418 Holly Avenue
Madison, WI 53711

Dear Mr. Bolser:

For many years the Madison Metropolitan School District has provided direct transportation to students attending private/parochial schools. This transportation has been in the form of yellow bus routes. In accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, when bussing costs for private/parochial students exceeds 1.5 times the district average cost per pupil, the district may fulfill its obligation to transport pupils by offering contracts to parents. This is currently the case for all of MMSD's private/parochial schools. A parent contract currently pays up to \$226.52 per semester to the family to provide their own transportation.

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Sincerely,

Roger Price
Assistant Superintendent for Business Services

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Kathleen Malone
Edgewood Campus School
829 Edgewood College Drive
Madison, WI 53711

Dear Ms. Malone:

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Kathleen Loughrin
St. James School
1204 St. James Ct.
Madison, WI 53715

Dear Ms. Loughrin:

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Sister Leonius Skaar
St. Dennis School
409 Dempsey Rd.
Madison, WI 53714

Dear Sister:

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Elizabeth M. Adams-Young
St. Maria Goretti Catholic Parish School
5405 Flad Avenue
Madison, WI 53711

Dear Ms. Adams-Young:

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Robert Growney
Edgewood High School
2219 Monroe Street
Madison, WI 53711

Dear Mr. Growney:

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Parent Contract Calculation FY07 based on FY06

Location 527	
Elementary - Local B 112 & Loc 527	2,661,037.74
Middle - Local B/Loc 212 & Loc 527	472,785.60
High - Local B 222 & Loc 527	112,034.22
Private - Local B 006	405,201.59
Indigent - Function 256925	492,157.00
Total Cost	4,143,216.15
Less:	
Mid-day Routes	51,436.00
Net Cost	4,091,780.15
# of students annually	9,032
Annual Cost	453.03
Semester Cost	226.52
Total Indigent Cost	492,157.00
Annual cost per student (passes + tickets)	144.75
# of students	3,400.05

Parent Contract Calculation FY06 based on FY05

Location 527

Elementary - Local B 112 & Loc 112	2,410,855.41
Middle - Local B 212 & Loc 212	523,184.73
High - Local B 222 & Loc 222	63,289.24
Private - Local B 006	383,419.16
Indigent - Function 256925	335,400.00

Total Cost 3,716,148.54

Less:

Madison Taxi	160,448.64
Mid-day Routes	51,436.00

Net Cost 3,504,263.90

of students annually 7,496

Annual Cost 467.48

Semester Cost 233.74

Total Indigent Cost 335,400.00

Bus Ticket 1.2

of bus tickets 279,500.00

of days bussed 180

of students 1,553.00

Parent Contract Calculation FY05 based on FY04

Location 521

Elementary - Local B 003	2,125,733.41
Middle - Local B 002	415,482.49
High - Local B 001	156,228.63
Private - Local B 006	220,770.30
Indigent - Local B 025 *	198,580.00
Indigent - Local B 026 *	152,700.00
Total Cost	3,269,494.83
Less:	
Madison Taxi	157,341.00
Mid-day Routes	19,461.00
Net Cost	3,092,692.83
# of students annually	7,358.00
Annual Cost	420.32
Semester Cost	210.16
*Total Indigent Cost	351,280.00
Bus Ticket	1.20
# of bus tickets	292,733.33
# of days bussed	180
# of students	1,626.30

Parent Contract Calculation

Location 521

Elementary - Local B 003	2,225,142.00
Middle - Local B 002	388,349.00
High - Local B 001	46,944.00
Private - Local B 006	218,179.00
Indigent - Local B 025 *	241,175.00
Indigent - Local B 026 *	106,975.00
Total Cost	3,226,764.00
Less:	
Madison Taxi	1,971.00
Mid-day Routes	9,412.00
Net Cost	3,215,381.00
# of students annually	7,496.00
Annual Cost	428.95
Semester Cost	214.47
*Total Indigent Cost	348,150.00
Bus Ticket	1.10
# of bus tickets	316,500.00
# of days bussed	180
# of students	1,758.33

Parent Contract Calculation

Location 521

Elementary - Local B 003	2,225,123.46
Middle - Local B 002	347,147.52
High - Local B 001	47,637.77
Private - Local B 006	203,729.25
Indigent - Local B 025 *	248,712.86
Indigent - Local B 026 *	99,825.00
Total Cost	3,172,175.86
Less:	
Madison Taxi	2,705.00
Mid-day Routes	11,513.00
Net Cost	3,157,957.86
# of students annually	6,648.00
Annual Cost	475.02
Semester Cost	237.51
*Total Indigent Cost	348,537.86
Bus Ticket	1.10
# of bus tickets	316,852.60
# of days bussed	180.00
# of students	1,760.29

C-18 Private School Transportation

**Administrative Amendment to C-18
Amended March 30, 2007**

Discussion Item: Eliminate private school bussing except where bussing is less than 1.5 times the school district's average cost per pupil for bus transportation in the previous year.

This amendment includes students residing in Fitchburg.

Background: According to Wisconsin State Statute 121.55:

(3) If the estimated cost of transporting a pupil under s. 121.54(2)(b)1. is more than 1.5 times the school district's average cost per pupil for bus transportation in the previous year, exclusive of transportation for kindergarten pupils during the noon hour and for handicapped pupils, the school board may fulfill its obligation to transport a pupil under s. 121.54(2)(b)1. by offering to contract with the parent or guardian of the pupil. The contract shall provide for an annual payment for each pupil of not less than \$5 times the distance in miles between the pupil's residence and the private school he or she attends, or the school district's average cost per pupil for bus transportation in the previous year exclusive of transportation for kindergarten pupils during the noon hour and for handicapped pupils, whichever is greater, but the payment shall not exceed the actual cost nor may the aids paid under s. 121.58(2)(a) for the pupil exceed the cost thereof. A school board which intends to offer a contract under this subsection shall notify the parent or guardian of the private school pupil of its intention at least 30 days before the commencement of the school term of the public school district.

Anticipated Savings: \$229,978.92

Impact: Numbers are tentative due to unknown number of students enrolled in private schools for 2007-08. The enrollment information is due by May 15th. MMSD must give notice that bussing will not be provided 30 days before the 2007-08 school year commences. However, more notice should be given so that families may work out other transportation arrangements.

Queen of Peace

\$453.04 2006-07 parent contract rate
x 77 eligible students
\$34,884.08

Cost of bussing for 2007-08
\$85,262.40
- 34,884.08 parent contracts in lieu of bus
\$50,378.32

St. Maria Goretti

\$453.04
x 115 eligible students
\$52,326.12 net savings

Cost of bussing for 2007-08
\$85,262.40
-52,326.12 parent contracts in lieu of bus
\$33,162.80 net savings

ST. DENNIS

\$ 453.04 2006-07 parent contract rate
x 92 eligible students
\$41,679.68

Cost of bussing for 2007-08 school year:

\$132,514.20
- 41,679.68 cost of parent contracts in lieu of bus
\$ 90,834.52 net savings

EDGEWOOD CAMPUS

\$ 453.04
x 39 eligible students (non-Fitchburg)
\$17,668.56

Cost of bussing for 2007-08 school year:
\$42,631.20
-17,668.56 cost of parent contracts in lieu of bus
\$24,962.64 net savings

SUMMARY

\$50,378.32	Queen of Peace savings
33,162.80	St. Maria Goretti savings
90,834.52	St. Dennis savings
<u>24,962.64</u>	Edgewood savings
\$199,338.28	net savings

CALCULATIONS

Queen of Peace

\$453.04
x 1.5 times the parent contract rate
\$679.56 x 77 eligible students = \$52,326.12

Cost of bussing for 2007-08
\$85,262.40 (exceeds 1.5 times parent contract rate)

St. Maria Goretti

453.04
x 1.5
\$679.56 x 115 eligible students = \$78,149.40

Cost of bussing for 2007-08
\$85,262.40 (exceeds 1.5 times parent contract rate)

St. Dennis

\$453.04
x 1.5 times the parent contract rate
\$679.56 x 92 eligible students = \$62,519.52

Cost of bussing for 2007-08
\$132,514.20 (cost of bus exceeds 1.5 times parent contract rate)

Edgewood

\$453.04
x 1.5
\$679.56 x 39 eligible students = \$26,502.84

Cost of bussing for 2007-08
\$42,631.20 (exceeds 1.5 times parent contract rate)

St. James

\$453.04
x 1.5 times the parent contract rate
\$679.56 x 35 eligible students = \$23,784.60

Cost of bussing for 2007-08

\$46,496.34 (exceeds 1.5 times parent contract rate, however 18 students live in Fitchburg and therefore the route could not be eliminated)