
TRANSPORTATION SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN CHANGES FOR 2013-14

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION:

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS 327.006) establishes the criteria for "approved transportation costs" that are reimbursable by the State at 70% of those costs. The primary component of these approved costs is the daily home-to-school and back to home transportation for elementary students that live at least 1.5 miles from school. The statute also includes, when approved, reimbursable costs for the transportation of students who live within the respective 1.0 and 1.5 mile standards, if such transportation is required for "health or safety reasons." However, to qualify for reimbursement, lesser distance transportation routes must be submitted to, and approved annually by the Oregon State Board of Education as local district "supplemental transportation plans".

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The most frequent reason for providing home-to-school-to home transportation for students within the 1.0 and 1.5 mile standards is the lack of sufficient infrastructure for a safe walkway (e.g. no sidewalks, no designated walkways away from traffic, requirements to cross major traffic arterials or highways, construction that disrupts foot traffic on such sidewalks or walkways, etc.) Annually, Transportation Department staff evaluates and recommends either adding to, or withdrawing neighborhoods from prior supplemental plans for a given school year. Those recommendations are initially reviewed by Transportation safety staff then followed by on-site visits by the Administrator for Transportation, the District's Safety and Security Office and the Deputy Superintendent for Operations and Support Services.

Included with this Board Situation are the proposed *Transportation Supplemental Plan Changes for the 2013-2014* school year. Recommendations brought forward that propose the removal of a stop were only considered if the staff was fully confident that there is no impact on student safety.

It is important to recognize that certain recommended plans may not be fully implemented or may be otherwise modified if the anticipated additional infrastructure is not constructed or other future construction projects result in creating an unsafe walkway within the 1.0 or 1.5 mile standards.

Immediately following the April 9, 2013 School Board meeting, staff met with building administrators, notified affected parents of proposed changes. There have been no objections to the changes.

RECOMMENDATION:

(13-288) BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board approves the proposed Transportation Supplemental Plans for the 2013-2014 school year.

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