

**RIVER ROAD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMARILLO, TEXAS**

Subject: Transportation

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In an effort to reduce costs in non-instructional areas, we have been looking at the possibility of implementing a two-tier bus system for next school year. The system would be set up so that all elementary school students would be transported separately from all of the other students.

There are three primary benefits from implementing such a system.

1. It would save the district money because we would require fewer busses, thereby not having to buy new busses as often.
2. It would separate the elementary students from the older students.
3. It would allow us to be better able to attract individuals to become bus drivers because although we would require fewer drivers, those drivers would work more hours and therefore be paid more per day.

Because there are some potential drawbacks to such a system, we would like to put the attached survey on the district's web site. We would then, via a "phone blast" invite parents to go to the web site and complete the survey.

It would be our intent to bring the results of the survey to you at your March Board meeting to discuss whether the district should pursue changing to this routing system.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

To authorize the administration to conduct a survey of parents concerning the possibility of moving to a two-tier bus routing system.