

How does the reduction of bus stops help us save money?

- Elimination of bus stops, the number of required times to stop, the delay of picking up at each stop, allows us to make more efficient use of our personnel in our transportation department. Less stops = less time on the route, which in turn leads to less personnel. After routing this year, we were able to determine we needed 19 less bus drivers than the previous school year.
- Basis for this decision = less stops, reduction of high school busing, less mileage, less fuel. The "savings estimate" is based on the information from our previous Ohio Department of Education Pupil Transportation Cost Analysis report (2009-2010).

-19 X \$51,166.68 (Cost per bus, including driver) = \$972,166.92

-\$972,166.92 x .80 (state recommends multiplying by 80% for cost savings analysis due to loss of reimbursement money) = \$777,733.54

-Estimate provided to the board to be conservative = \$750,000.

The initial number provided to the board in March of 2011 was approximately \$423,000 in savings. This number was only based on the elimination of 10 drivers. The Transportation Director and his staff did a great job of "tightening the belt" and making our transportation work with less drivers. Again, we always err on the side of being conservative.

According to Chad Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Business, we will have better information on the actual cost savings at the end of the school year. He believes that it will be very close to the estimate I provided, and projects our actual cost savings will likely be higher.