

Note from Dick Reed, chairman of the TTF: "As noted at the November 19, 2007, TTF meeting, the School Board has recently considered whether or not to continue some transportation service parameters. Their opinions, as expressed at a February 2007 work session, are shown next to each item. Please note that these School Board work session "votes" on staff items do not represent formal School Board policy changes, nor - most importantly - they do not constrain what the Task Force may consider or recommend to the School Board. As has been stated repeatedly, our Charter is wholly open-ended and takes nothing off of the table. We may consider whatever our members wish to consider. Our charter is to come together and speak to the School Board for the Fairfax County community as a whole, stating what we can accept and what we cannot accept as regards transportation (the "limits of community acceptability" to quote from the Charter), and to propose to the School Board an acceptable Bell Schedule that will push back High School start times."

The following seven transportation services were presented to the Board in February 2007 for consideration to be eliminated or modified, and the Board's informal consensus (yes or no) on whether or not to consider them is indicated in **red**:

1. No longer provide transportation to GT centers for those elementary students whose base school includes a GT program. **NO**
2. Shorten the time that we provide transportation for students who are grandfathered when school or program boundary changes are made. **YES**
3. Reconsider the current program of providing transportation for administratively-placed students. Two choices include not providing transportation or only placing students in schools very proximate to their base schools. Currently we have students going great distances, often by taxi, as there is no bus available to transport them. **NO**
4. Eliminate the Exception to Ride Program. Transportation receives over 1,200 requests a year; each request requires that transportation evaluate each for space on the bus, availability of an existing bus stop, and the safety of the walking route from an existing bus stop to the requesting student's home. This time-consuming process is overwhelming transportation supervisors and transportation staff at a time of the year when they already face great challenges. **YES**
5. Provide academy shuttles only if there are a minimum of five students who ride the bus on a regular basis. **YES**
6. Eliminate magnet transportation to Bailey's and Hunters Woods Elementary Schools. **MORE RESEARCH NEEDED**
7. Modify the middle school GT program either by redrawing current boundaries or by expanding the number of schools with their own GT programs. Both options could reduce transportation demands. **YES**