

OUT OF BOUNDARY SUBCOMMITTEE
 MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2007
 REVIEW OF GOALS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND REMAINING WORK

Have we made recommendations about *all out of boundary programs*?

- Alternative Learning Centers
- GT
- Project Opportunity
- Technical Academies
- Administratively Placed Students
- Grandfathered Students
- No modification requested: ESOL, FECEP, Modified Calendar, Project Opportunity, Magnet ES & HS; Davis Vocational Center; Summit program

Have we met *our own goals* for non-mandated programs:

- Reduce, eliminate, consolidate, improve
- Have we mapped bus routes?
- Do we know concentrations of students actually utilizing bus service?
- Do we know anticipated volume of students at each pick-up location?
- Have we used the FCPS 'cut list' to recognize programs that are under consideration for being cut?

Have we met the *goals of Tweak*:

- Establish service level parameters, including: length of time students ride the bus; earliest and latest times of day students should be picked up (by school level); earliest drop off prior to start of school
- Review operations of other districts
- Review walking distances, and possibly expand walking zones for HS
- Consider consolidating bus stops
- Consider homeless transportation (mandated)
- Effectiveness of Transportation Department's three transportation areas
- Consider civil twilight
- Considered traffic patterns, crosswalks, crossing guards, & impediments to walking routes

Have we met the *Task Force Charter goals*?

- Defined the limits of community acceptability
- Defined parameters for re-engineering the transportation system
- ID plus/minus of adjusting parameters & bell schedule alternatives
- Propose later high school start times
- Draw lessons learned from other jurisdictions
- Recommend no start time earlier than 7:45
- Before first bell, buses arrive <15 minutes ES, <20 minutes MS, <30 minutes HS
- No pick up before 6:15; no afternoon pick up after???
- No ES ride longer than 30 minutes ES
- No MS or HS ride longer than 45 minutes
- Do we have recommendations and/or comments that go beyond Out of Boundary?
- Do we have recommendations and/or comments that go beyond Tweak?

Have we considered <i>constraints on the Transportation Department</i> ?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afternoons are more tight than mornings • Mid-day runs; late day runs • School boundaries • 3-tier bell schedule is actually a rolling bell schedule • 34.6% of transportation costs are for special ed students who are 7% of population
Have we kept in mind other <i>TTF proposals</i> ?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single runs to and from outlying destinations • Routes with multiple destinations & eliminate duplication of routes • Consolidate bus stops • Increase HS walking distance • More students on low load count buses; fewer students on crowded buses • Remove extra buses
Have we considered <i>recommendations from the Transportation Reengineering</i> document?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No longer provide transportation to GT centers for those elementary students whose base school includes a GT program • Shorten the time that we provide transportation for students who are grandfathered when school or program boundary changes are made • 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. • Eliminate the Exception to Ride Program, which generates over 1200 requests a year. Each request requires evaluation of space on the bus, availability of an existing bus stop, 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. • Only provide academy shuttles if there are a minimum of 5 students who ride the bus on a regular basis. • Eliminate magnet transportation to Bailey's and Hunters Woods elementary schools. • Modify the middle school GT program either by redrawing current boundaries or by expanding the number of schools with GT center programs.
Have we considered <i>other ideas by Tweak members</i> :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lengthen ES instructional day to avoid need for added buses • Effectiveness of Transportation Department's 3 transportation areas • Public transportation as an alternative to busing • Consider budget limitations (stay within current budget OR require more funding), with particular consideration to the most expensive non-mandated transportation expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement buses (2.20K) • Summit program (2.67K) • Modified School Calendar (2.5K) • Special Needs Schools (1.64K) • Busing of Administratively Placed Students (1K) • Adjust Academy Shuttle Transportation Policy (.35K) • Eliminate Busing to Magnet Elementary Schools (.10K)