Budget Cut Proposal

Transportation Changes-- Implemented in the 2021-22 School Year

The non-public reduction target was $59,780 and the public transportation reduction target was $298,000, for a total transportation reduction of $357,780.

Representatives from Palmer Bus, CESO Transportation, and Shakopee Schools met four times in January and February in order to come up with this recommendation. The original thought was to present a variety of options for the board to consider. As planning went on, due to the interconnectedness of the various parts of transportation (school start times, tiers, walk distances, etc.) it became clear that presenting one plan would be the best route forward. Such a plan would allow for the continuation of the best form of services (Ie. No walking distance increases for grades K-8) and the most effective manner to obtain the needed cost savings.

Proposal

Transportation Tiers and Bell Times

Move Jackson and Sun Path from transportation Tier II to Tier III. Move Eagle Creek from Tier III to Tier II, and SACS elementary school from Tier III to Tier I.

Current Transportation Tiers **2020-21**

Tier I	Tier II	Tier III
East Middle School	Shakopee High School	Red Oak Elementary
West Middle School	TLC	Eagle Creek Elementary
SACS Middle School	Jackson Elementary	Sweeney Elementary
	Sun Path Elementary	SACS Elementary

Recommended Transportation Tiers **2021-22** Changes in **Bold**

Tier I	Tier II	Tier III
East Middle School	Shakopee High School	Red Oak Elementary
West Middle School	TLC	**Jackson Elementary**
SACS **K-8**	**Eagle Creek Elementary**	Sweeney Elementary
		Sun Path Elementary

The adjusted tiers will result in a change to bell times for 2021-22:

SCHOOL	BELL TIMES (Pre Pandemic)	2021-22 SY BELL TIMES
Shakopee High School	TII: 8:20 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	No Change
TLC	TII: 8:00 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.	No Change
West Middle School	TI: 7:45 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.	No Change
East Middle School	TI: 7:45 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.	No Change
Red Oak Elementary	TIII: 9:05 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.	No Change
Sweeney Elementary	TIII: 9:05 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.	No Change
Jackson Elementary	TII: 8:30 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.	TIII: 9:05 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Sun Path Elementary	TII: 8:30 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.	TIII: 9:05 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Eagle Creek Elementary	TIII: 9:05 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.	TII: 8:30 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.
SACS Elementary	TIII: 9:05 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.	TI: 7:45 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.
SACS Middle School	TI: 7:45 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.	No Change

Walk Eligibility
Change grade 9 walking eligibility to 2+ miles in order to be consistent with grades 10-12. This change will reduce tier II buses from 38 to 36.

Cost Savings
The total cost savings from this proposal will be **$419,538** beginning in the 2021-22 school year. This exceeds the transportation budget cut target of $357,780.

The savings are the result of the following changes:

- Cost per bus route: $350.49 per bus/day, and $59,934 per bus/year

- Pre-pandemic bus routes: **43**
- Proposed bus routes for the 2021-22 school year: **36**

- Seven bus route reduction starting in the 2021-22 school year = **$419,538** in cost savings per year
    - 5 route reduction comes from changes to tiers
    - 2 route reduction comes from changing grade 9 walking distance