



**OAKLAND UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Community Schools, Thriving Students*

# Transportation Overview



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## Overview

- The purpose of the presentation is to explain the ways in which we transport students in our school district

## Purpose:

- To update the Board on the challenges related to vendors
- To share next steps, both immediate and some long term

# Transportation Overview

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## A. School Day Transportation

- Contract with First Student for special education transportation
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with AC Transit for supplemental busses
- We also provide bus passes with AC Transit:
  - Homeless/In Transition students – Living in temporary housing/shelters (McKinney Vento)
  - Students obligated to be assigned to schools out of their neighborhoods
    - Because of no space (school is full)
    - Students who have to be transferred to another school for safety/disciplinary reasons
- OUSD does not:
  - Provide general education transportation
  - Have our own fleet of buses/drivers

# Transportation Overview Continued

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## B. Field Trips

- Linked learning field trips to universities and colleges
- Funded through various grant sources
- Some are directly funded by school funds
- Occurs during and after school hours
- Various vendors provide services

## C. Athletics

- Primarily after school
- Paid for by Oakland Athletic League (OAL) budget
- Various vendors provide services

# Transportation Overview Continued

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We have external partnership with transportation vendors to support transportation services offered to our students

- **AC Transit**
  - Servicing general education and special education students with supplemental bus routes and reduced student bus pass costs (i.e. \$20)
- **First Student and Friendly Cab**
  - Providing home-to-school transportation to Special Education students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP) to our schools, therapy, and non-public schools
- **Approved Student Pupil Activity Bus (SPAB) Field Trip Vendors**
  - District approved vendors entered a 3 year agreement and we have the option of extending the service for 2 additional years
- **Bay Area Transport Inc.**
  - Transports smaller Oakland Athletic League(OAL) teams to scheduled local and State events

# Transportation Challenges

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## FIRST STUDENT

- First Student, which serves our Special Education population, has invoked the 120 day termination provision of the contract indicating its intent to terminate the contract effective **August 18, 2016**
- In order to resend its notice of termination, First Student is requesting:
  - The agreement with the district be increased **\$1M** for 2016-17
  - Increased **14.3%** for 2017-18; and
  - Increased based on the “consumer price index” (CPI) effective July 1, 2018

# Transportation Challenges Continued

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## AC TRANSIT

- We pay AC Transit approximately **\$2.25M** per year for supplemental services based on an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) since 1997
- The MOU calls for **\$2.5M** with **\$0.275M** being spent on bus passes
- We currently spend **\$.88M** in bus passes
- The state funding mechanism for transportation has changed
- Over time, AC Transit has been providing fewer supplemental routes
- With Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), we now receive approximately **\$5M** in funding for transportation
- We currently spend **\$6.7M** of special education alone
- Our total spend on transportation exceeds **\$10M**
- We are already unfunded by over **\$5M** for transportation

# Transportation Challenge Mitigations

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- Develop transportation plan so OUSD Transportation services become driven internally based on need rather than by external providers
- Hire Transportation Director:
  - To meet with the City of Oakland Divisions and other transportation programs supporting OUSD schools (i.e. Police Department, Traffic Division, Be Oakland-Be Active (Alameda County), Safe Routes to School, Transit, etc.)
  - Create transportation protocols and procedures for internal and external partners
  - Establish roles and responsibilities within departments and sites supporting transportation
- Partner with Network Teams to improve compliance with district deadlines to support transportation services (i.e. master schedule, instructional minutes alignment, etc.)
- Support need for increased special education related services

# Transportation Overview: Next Steps

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## Vendors

- Continue discussions with First Student and AC Transit – Determine long and short term strategy
- Establish ongoing meeting with vendors

## OUSD

- Develop our own accountability systems to support cross-departmental communication and consistent District practices
- Ensure accurate, timely, single source data from PEC
- Do analysis of internal and hybrid transportation systems
- Be more explicit with principals about the connection between transportation services, master schedules, and instructional minutes
- Draft a 5-year transportation plan
  - Create new 3 year field trip RFP and supporting communication documents
  - Research other certified transportation vendor to align programmatic needs (i.e. support for after school programs at schools such as Skyline)
  - Study prospects for district led transportation initiative



# Appendix: Transportation Costs 2014-2015

	First Student	AC Transit	Other	Total
PEC Transportation	\$6.70M			<b>\$6.70M</b>
MOU		\$2.25M		<b>\$2.25M</b>
Bus Passes		\$0.88M		<b>\$0.88M</b>
Athletics/Field Trips			\$0.50M	<b>\$0.50M</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6.70M</b>	<b>\$3.13M</b>	<b>\$0.50M</b>	<b>\$10.33M</b>

# EVERY STUDENT THRIVES!



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