

MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents  
Charter School Directors  
School Business Managers  
Transportation Directors

FROM: Tom Melcher, Director  
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SUBJECT: Analysis of Pupil Transportation Revenues and Expenditures

This memorandum is to notify you that spreadsheets analyzing pupil transportation revenues and expenditures for each school district and charter school for FY 2009 and FY 2011 have been posted to the data center on the MDE web site at <http://education.state.mn.us/MDEAnalytics/Data.jsp>, under the [Transportation](#) category.

Copies of the state totals from these spreadsheets and an analysis of revenues and expenditures by strata are provided below. Revenues attributable to pupil transportation shown on the spreadsheets include 4.85 percent of basic general education revenue, transportation sparsity revenue, interdistrict desegregation/integration transportation aid, the portion of integration revenue attributable to intradistrict desegregation transportation, and nonpublic pupil transportation aid. Expenditures shown include the transportation categories traditionally eligible for state transportation funding, excluding those funded with special education aid, as reported in UFARS Finance codes 315, 711, 714, 716, 717, 719, 720, 725, and 726. Bus depreciation is also included; the amounts shown are 133% of the original purchase price, to approximate replacement cost. Transportation expenditures excluded from the report are the transportation categories traditionally ineligible for state transportation aid (e.g., Finance codes 713, 718, 733, 737, and 739) and transportation expenditures funded with state special education aid (Finance codes 723 and 728).

As shown in the state totals pages below, total revenues attributable to transportation exceeded total expenditures as defined above by approximately \$30 million in FY 2009 and by approximately \$32 million in FY 2011. When analyzed by strata, total revenues exceed total expenditures for every category of school district (e.g., urban metro, inner ring suburban metro, outer ring suburban metro, large nonmetro, medium nonmetro, small nonmetro), but expenditures exceed revenues for charter schools. However, when data are analyzed at the individual district level, some districts have significantly more revenue than expenditures, while other districts have significantly more expenditures than revenues.

Questions regarding the expenditure data shown on the spreadsheets should be directed to Kelly Wosika at [kelly.wosika@state.mn.us](mailto:kelly.wosika@state.mn.us).

Questions regarding the revenue data and analysis shown on the spreadsheets should be addressed to Bob Porter at [bob.porter@state.mn.us](mailto:bob.porter@state.mn.us).

Analysis of FY 2009 Transportation Revenues and Expenditures				Transportation combined	
STATE TOTAL #9999				4/18/2012	
General Revenues Attributable to Transportation					
1	Transportation sparsity revenue + 4.85% of basic revenue				285,962,976.25
2	Revenue for charter school transportation				10,012,943.08
3	Transportation revenue within general revenue = (1)+(2) =				295,975,919.33
General Expenditures for Transportation					
4	Expenditures, total regular to and from school		Finance code 720		238,678,668.48
5	Nonpublic to-and-from aid		Nonpublic reg aid		19,021,978.60
6	Expenditures, regular to and from school less nonpublic aid = (4)-(5) =				219,656,689.88
7	Expenditures, learning year - summer		Finance code 711		1,265,146.66
8	Expenditures, noon kindergarten transportation		Finance code 716		7,804,411.16
9	Expenditures, late activities bus for public school pupils		Finance code 717		3,504,769.45
10	Expenditures, traffic hazards - walkers		Finance code 719		2,720,161.16
11	Expenditures, between schools - public		Finance code 725		3,030,612.21
12	Total bus depreciation x 1.33		Bus depreciation		20,500,607.27
13	Expenditure subtotal = (6)+(7)+(8)+(9)+(10)+(11)+(12) =				258,482,397.79
Interdistrict Integration					
14	Expenditures, multi-district integration/desegregation transportation		Finance code 714		14,073,804.87
15	State aid for interdistrict integration transportation		Deseg/Int Tran Aid		12,341,678.22
16	Interdistrict integration expenditures covered by general revenue = (14)-(15) =				1,732,126.65
Intradistrict Integration					
17	Integration expenditures, total		Finance code 315		100,492,405.27
18	Integration expenditures, transportation		315 Transp Exp		26,540,160.65
19	Transportation portion of integration expenditures = lesser of 1 or [(18)/(17)] =				0.242049
20	Integration revenue, total		Integ Rev Total		86,018,391.69
21	Intradistrict integration transportation expenditures covered by integration revenue = (19) x (20) =				20,820,665.69
22	Intradistrict integration transportation expenditures covered by general revenue = (18)-(21) =				5,719,494.96
23	Expenditures corresponding to general revenue = (13)+(16)+(22) =				265,934,019.40
24	Funding gap corresponding to general revenue = (23)-(3) =				-30,041,899.93
25	Revenue shown above in addition to (3) = cost shown above in addition to (23) = (5)+(15)+(21) =				52,184,322.51
Nonpublic Nonregular Transportation					
26	Nonpublic nonregular aid		Nonpub Nonreg Aid		659,147.90
27	Nonpublic nonregular expenditures		Finance code 726		743,515.86
28	Funding gap corresponding to nonpublic nonregular transportation = (27)-(26) =				84,367.96
29	Overall funding gap = (24)+(28) =				-29,957,531.97
Summary					
		A	B	C	D
			Funded by	Funded by	Funded by
			Dedicated	General	Other Sources
	Expenditure	Revenue	Transportation		= A-B-C
30	General transportation	258,482,397.79	0.00	288,524,297.72	-30,041,899.93
31	Interdistrict integration	14,073,804.87	12,341,678.22	1,732,126.65	0.00
32	Intradistrict integration	26,540,160.65	20,820,665.69	5,719,494.96	0.00
33	Nonpublic to-and-from	19,021,978.60	19,021,978.60	0.00	0.00
34	Nonpublic nonregular	743,515.86	659,147.90	0.00	84,367.96
35	Total	318,861,857.77	52,843,470.41	295,975,919.33	-29,957,531.97
Total revenue in column C equals general revenue for transportation from line 3.					

Analysis of FY 2011 Transportation Revenues and Expenditures				Transportation combined	
STATE TOTAL #9999				4/18/2012	
General Revenues Attributable to Transportation					
1	Transportation sparsity revenue + 4.85% of basic revenue				283,920,299.36
2	Revenue for charter school transportation				11,346,389.90
3	Transportation revenue within general revenue = (1)+(2) =				295,266,689.26
General Expenditures for Transportation					
4	Expenditures, total regular to and from school		Finance code 720		248,069,051.93
5	Nonpublic to-and-from aid		Nonpublic reg aid		18,803,657.78
6	Expenditures, regular to and from school less nonpublic aid = (4)-(5) =				229,265,394.15
7	Expenditures, learning year - summer		Finance code 711		1,147,653.67
8	Expenditures, noon kindergarten transportation		Finance code 716		6,302,169.63
9	Expenditures, late activities bus for public school pupils		Finance code 717		3,558,845.21
10	Expenditures, traffic hazards - walkers		Finance code 719		2,140,919.53
11	Expenditures, between schools - public		Finance code 725		2,985,722.80
12	Total bus depreciation x 1.33		Bus depreciation		14,993,738.33
13	Expenditure subtotal = (6)+(7)+(8)+(9)+(10)+(11)+(12) =				260,394,443.32
Interdistrict Integration					
14	Expenditures, multi-district integration/desegregation transportation		Finance code 714		15,281,353.61
15	State aid for interdistrict integration transportation		Deseg/Int Tran Aid		13,261,754.50
16	Interdistrict integration expenditures covered by general revenue = (14)-(15) =				2,019,599.11
Intradistrict Integration					
17	Integration expenditures, total		Finance code 315		94,029,502.80
18	Integration expenditures, transportation		315 Transp Exp		24,457,517.01
19	Transportation portion of integration expenditures = lesser of 1 or [(18)/(17)] =				0.260777
20	Integration revenue, total		Integ Rev Total		90,143,021.19
21	Intradistrict integration transportation expenditures covered by integration revenue = (19) x (20) =				23,507,226.64
22	Intradistrict integration transportation expenditures covered by general revenue = (18)-(21) =				950,290.37
23	Expenditures corresponding to general revenue = (13)+(16)+(22) =				263,364,332.80
24	Funding gap corresponding to general revenue = (23)-(3) =				-31,902,356.46
25	Revenue shown above in addition to (3) = cost shown above in addition to (23) = (5)+(15)+(21) =				55,572,638.92
Nonpublic Nonregular Transportation					
26	Nonpublic nonregular aid		Nonpub Nonreg Aid		743,515.86
27	Nonpublic nonregular expenditures		Finance code 726		827,145.90
28	Funding gap corresponding to nonpublic nonregular transportation = (27)-(26) =				83,630.04
29	Overall funding gap = (24)+(28) =				-31,818,726.42
Summary					
		A	B	C	D
			Funded by	Funded by	Funded by
			Dedicated	General	Other Sources
		Expenditure	Revenue	Transportation	= A-B-C
30	General transportation	260,394,443.32	0.00	292,296,799.78	-31,902,356.46
31	Interdistrict integration	15,281,353.61	13,261,754.50	2,019,599.11	0.00
32	Intradistrict integration	24,457,517.01	23,507,226.64	950,290.37	0.00
33	Nonpublic to-and-from	18,803,657.78	18,803,657.78	0.00	0.00
34	Nonpublic nonregular	827,145.90	743,515.86	0.00	83,630.04
35	Total	319,764,117.62	56,316,154.78	295,266,689.26	-31,818,726.42
Total revenue in column C equals general revenue for transportation from line 3.					

TRANSPORTATION ANALYSIS BY STRATA											Transportation Strata		
												4/18/2012	
			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	
			FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2011	
			Dedicated		Gap		Gap/ADM	Dedicated		Gap		Gap/ADM	
			Revenues	Expenditures	= A-B	ADM	= C/D	Revenues	Expenditures	= F-G	ADM	= H/I	
		TOTAL	289,183,483	259,225,914	29,957,569	816,576	37	293,040,324	261,221,589	31,818,735	818,748	39	
		MPLS & ST PAUL	1	14,760,892	10,446,436	4,314,455	71,954	60	19,308,813	7,015,446	12,293,367	70,979	173
		OTHER METRO, IN	2	24,351,946	22,294,026	2,057,920	85,429	24	24,850,703	21,485,760	3,364,943	86,080	39
		OTHER METRO, O	3	80,319,414	70,312,845	10,006,569	263,083	38	79,455,357	71,279,148	8,176,209	262,745	31
		NONMET >=2K	4	68,678,756	58,655,800	10,022,956	181,250	55	69,065,362	58,797,388	10,267,973	181,626	57
		NONMET 1K-2K	5	43,919,488	37,509,650	6,409,838	93,035	69	43,072,623	37,313,220	5,759,403	92,749	62
		NONMET < 1K	6	49,719,445	45,286,619	4,432,826	90,279	49	48,567,030	47,259,128	1,307,902	88,481	15
		CHARTERS	7	7,433,542	14,720,538	-7,286,996	31,546	-231	8,720,437	18,071,500	-9,351,062	36,087	-259