

KINNELON PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION



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There are some reasons a school district may choose to outsource their bus and other transportation services and there are districts that tend to view their self-owned bus fleet as an investment and measure its worth in terms of opportunities it presents them.

ORIGIN

Ownership of all of Kinnelon busing would provide us with the following:

- Knowing who our drivers are and knowing they are trained to maintain safety on the buses
- Camera systems on all buses
- Communication by radio with all route buses
- Bus routes that are run more effectively

STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION

KINNELON HAS (4) 24 PASSENGER VANS USED FOR ROUTES, ATHLETICS AND SPARE

(1) SPECIAL SERVICE 15 PASSENGER VAN USED FOR DAYTIME TRIPS

(8) 54 PASSENGER BUSES USED FOR ROUTES, ATHLETICS AND SPARE

WE CURRENTLY HAVE 7 DRIVERS AND SUPERVISOR WHO COVERS ROUTES/ATHLETICS

EACH DRIVER RUNS 3 ROUTES IN THE AM/PM - (4) 54 PASSENGER ROUTES AND (2) 24 PASS ROUTES

COVER 2 – 3 ATHLETICS A DAY THAT’S INCLUDING IN TOWN RUNS

1 -2 VAN DRIVERS RUN THE 11:50AM PICK UP FOR AM/PRE-SCHOOL DISMISSAL AND PICK UP STUDENTS FOR THE PM/PRE-SCHOOL AFTER. (Jordan brings in the AM class and takes home the PM class.)

NUMBER OF BUSES AT EACH SCHOOL

KHS

FIRST STUDENT: (3) 54 PASS AND (1) 24 PASS

KINNELON: (4) 54 PASS AND (2) 24 PASS

PRM

FIRST STUDENT: (8) 54 PASS AND (2) 24 PASS

KINNELON: (4) 54 PASS AND (2) 24 PASS

NUMBER OF BUSES AT EACH SCHOOL

STONYBROOK

FIRST STUDENT: (8) AND JORDAN (1) 54 PASSENGER AND (1) 24 PASS

KINNELON: (2) 54 PASS AND (1) 24 PASS

KIEL

FIRST STUDENT: (7) 54 PASS AND (1) 24 PASS

KINNELON: (2) 54 PASS AND (1) 24 PASS

ANNUAL ESTIMATED COST

Kinnelon Regular Ed Transportation - \$1,026,737

First Student - \$1,127,360

INCLUDES:

DRIVER SALARY (Minimum of 7 hrs daily)

OVERTIME (Field Trips/Athletics)

HEALTH BENEFITS

INSURANCE

MAINTENANCE/REPAIR OF BUSES

INSPECTIONS

FUEL FROM QUICK CHECK AND DPW

EXCLUDES THE COST OF NEW BUSES/VANS

DRAFT PLAN FOR EXPANSION

Need to purchase:

(8) 54 Passenger Buses and (3) 24 passenger buses

2024 Prices through H.A. DeHart & Son, Inc. (Thomas Built)

\$147,224.13 - 54 Passenger (Includes Gatekeeper camera system)

\$110,224.00 - 24 Passenger (Includes Gatekeeper camera system)

Buses that have been ordered for next year by H.A. DeHart have planned production dates in October 2024 and delivery should be no later than January 2025.

Draft Plan for Expansion

2024-2025 Budget and Phase 1:

We need to replace (2) 54 passenger buses- estimated cost to the 2024-2025 budget- \$294,448.26

Addition of 2 Vans - estimated cost to the 2024-2025 budget- \$220,448.00 - \$514,896.26 Total

Employment of 5 additional drivers at approximately \$65,000 salary including benefits

2025 -2026 Budget and Phase 2: Purchase of (1) 24 passenger - Approximately \$121,246.40 and the purchase of (1) 54 passenger - Approximately \$161,946.54 - \$283,192.94 Total

Employment of 2 additional drivers

2026-2027 Budget and Phase 3: Purchase of (2) 54 passenger - \$356,282.38 (\$178,141.19/ea)

Employment of 2 additional drivers

We would need to take year to year considerations of whether buses need to be replaced or added to cover more routes and the increase in bus costs.

DISTRICT CHALLENGES

1. **Vehicle breakdowns/maintenance and purchase of school vehicles**
2. **When fleet ages, there is not always funding to upgrade**
3. **Covering routes and athletics with absentees and driver shortage**
4. **Dissatisfied drivers (rate of pay, how many hours, etc.)**
5. **Parents challenging the system through transportation**
6. **Cost of maintaining fleet with qualified personnel (mechanics, garage)**
7. **Cost of housing the fleet**

DISTRICT ADVANTAGES

- 1. Complete control of daily operations**
- 2. Possible savings on the longest school routes and athletics**
- 3. Hiring qualified, professional staff**
- 4. Control of how the routes are set up and can add stops without significant cost**
- 5. Control of transportation procedures**
- 6. Keep up to date records of drivers and continual safety training**
- 7. Personal contact with the drivers daily, at meetings and on radio communication**
- 8. Maintain a clean and safe fleet**

Thank You!

