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Pre-K Bus Information by School/Bus

If transportation were not offered to students paying full tuition, we could eliminate one bus for a savings of approximately \$42,000 (including fuel). However, since we do not know the composition of the students in the 2014-2015 pre-school, it would be premature at this time to make this reduction to our budget. Later in the spring, once enrollment in the Pre-K is better known, if the Board wishes to pursue this cost savings, we can provide a more precise estimate. All of this is contingent, of course, on the Board's being comfortable with a philosophy of offering transportation to some students in a program and not others based on family income.

Pre-K transportation is not required except for students receiving special education services at the ECC. To eliminate all transportation to the Pre-K, however, would seriously undermine our ability to attract pre-school families to the Burr and Dwight pre-schools and therefore meet our obligations in the district's Racial Imbalance Plan submitted to and approved by the State Board of Education.

The total cost of Pre-K transportation is approximately \$252,000. The net cost to the district is approximately \$117,000 after the tuition revenue of \$135,000 is applied.

Burr	Bus 292	Bus 293	Bus 294	Total
Full	4	2	1	7
Reduced	2	1	0	3
Free	9	8	9	26
<i>Total</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>36</i>

Dwight	Bus 266	Bus 267	Bus 268	Total
Full	10	3	1	14
Reduced	1	2	1	4
Free	2	5	6	13
<i>Total</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>31</i>