



# **TRANSPORTATION**

## **2023-2024 PROPOSED BUDGET**

**Department of Transportation  
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# TRANSPORTATION GOALS

The Department's goal is to provide public confidence through courteous and safe operation of district vehicles by observing all traffic laws, using defensive driving, maintaining route reliability, and engaging with all students and general public in a respectful and professional manner.

The Department concurrently strives to provide the best possible transportation services in the present while also strategizing to meet future mandates.



# TRANSPORTATION STAFF



- 1 Supervisor
- 3 Transportation Office Staff
- 2 Dispatchers
- 1 Bus Driver/Safety Trainer
- 40 Drivers
- 23 Bus Attendants



# DISTRICT ROUTES



School	Routes 2020-2021	Routes 2021-2022	Routes 2022-2023
Abbey Lane	9	9	8
Division	5	5	5
East Broadway	14	12	11
Gardiners	6	5	5
Lee Road	5	5	5
MacArthur	12	13	12
Northside	4	4	4
Salk	19	19	18
Summit Lane	7	7	6
Wisdom	13	16	14
Private & Parochial	30	25	27
Special Education	25	25	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>139</b>

# STUDENTS TRANSPORTED DAILY 2022-2023



School	Transported by Levittown	Transported by Contractor	Total
Abbey Lane	110	155	265
East Broadway	343	41	384
Gardiners Avenue	149	0	149
Lee Road	184	0	184
Northside	72	0	72
Summit Lane	169	0	169
<b>Total Elementary Students</b>	<b>1027</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>1223</b>
Salk Middle School	679	56	735
Wisdom Lane Middle School	464	156	620
Division Avenue High School	99	0	99
Gen. MacArthur High School	369	0	369
<b>Total Secondary Students</b>	<b>1611</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>1823</b>
Special Education Students	206	26	232
Private & Parochial	0	199	199
BOCES (Special Education)	6	45	51
BOCES (Barry Tech/Cultural Arts)	0	61	61
<b>Total Other Routes</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>543</b>
<b>Total In-District Students</b>	<b>2850</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>3589</b>

# TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT



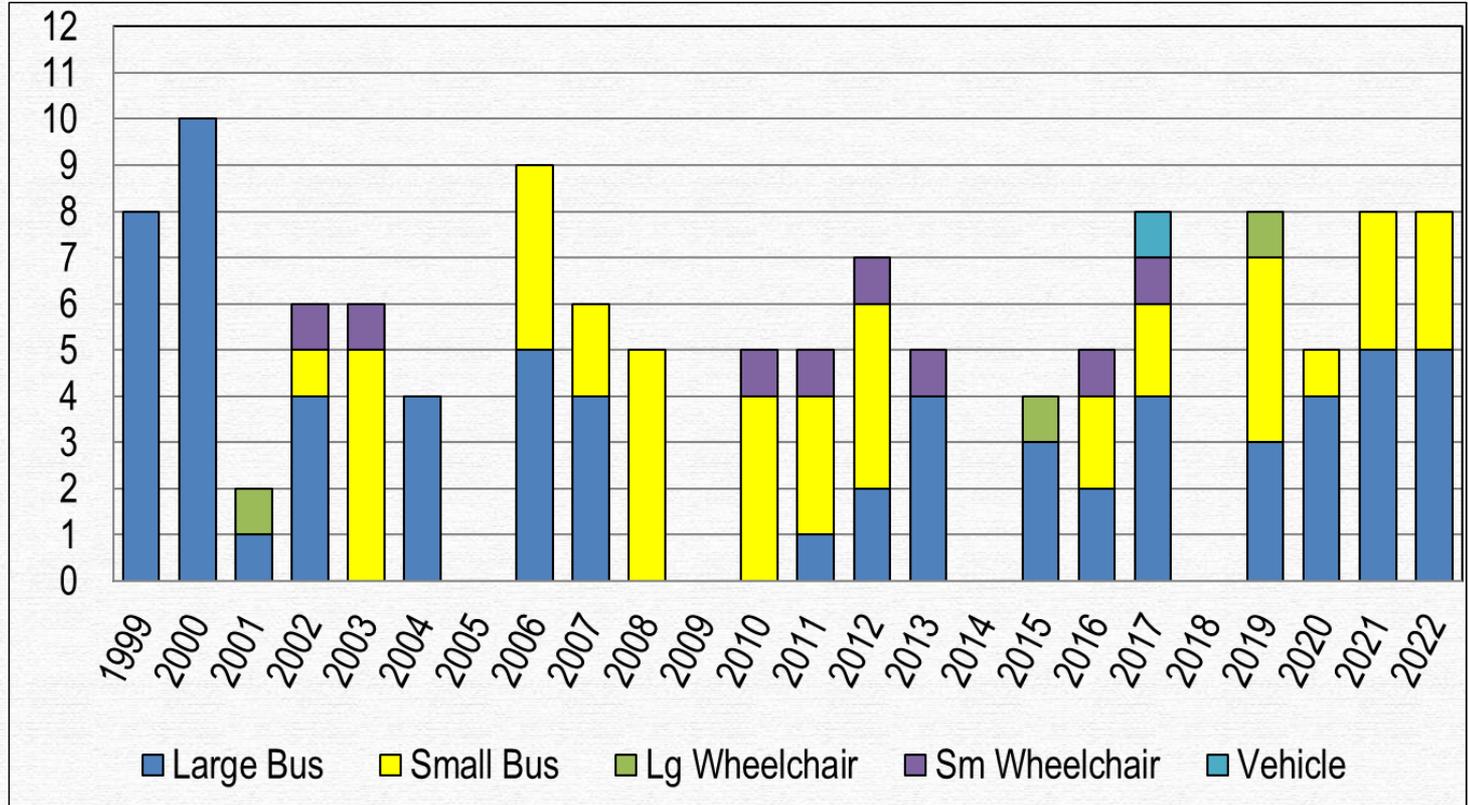
## ▶ 51 Large Buses

- ▶ Max Capacity 66 students
- ▶ Oldest: 1999
- ▶ Newest: 2023
- ▶ Average Age of Buses: 9 Years

## ▶ 32 Vans (Small Buses)

- ▶ Max Capacity 30 students
- ▶ Oldest: 2008
- ▶ Newest: 2023
- ▶ Average Age of Vans: 7 Years

# SUMMARY OF PURCHASE HISTORY



# FLEET SUMMARY



Year	Large Buses	Small Buses	Total Buses
1999	1	0	1
2000	3	0	3
2001	1	0	1
2002	2	0	2
2003	0	0	0
2004	3	0	3
2005	0	0	0
2006	5	0	5
2007	4	0	4
2008	0	2	2
2009	0	0	0
2010	0	4	4
2011	1	3	4
2012	2	0	2
2013	0	5	5
2014	4	1	5
2015	0	0	0
2016	4	0	4
2017	2	6	8
2018	8	3	11
2019	0	0	0
2020	3	0	3
2021	5	4	9
2022	0	1	1
2023	3	3	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>83</b>

# PROPOSED BUS PURCHASE



<b>Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Estimated Unit Cost</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Large Bus</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$163,216</b>	<b>\$163,216</b>
<b>Small Vans</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$98,509</b>	<b>\$98,509</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>\$261,725</b>

# POINTS OF PRIDE



- Largest in-house school district transportation department in Nassau County
- Operating transportation with significant nationwide driver shortage
- Shared services with other districts

# POINTS OF PRIDE



- Continued training for staff and students including Department of Transportation safety regulations, State Education School Bus Safety Requirements, Student behavior, and annual safety bus drills, Department of Homeland Security Training & Drills, Stop the Bleed training for all drivers and attendants
- Uphold DOT Inspection rate over 90%

# POINTS OF PRIDE



- Continued implementation and completion of internal audit recommendations
- Utilizing Connect Ed messages to inform parents of changes in transportation (notifications are made by individual route)
- Added additional cameras on buses for increased coverage promoting health & safety
- Implemented Stop Arm Camera Program

# PLANNED INITIATIVES



- Recruit Drivers and Attendants to the district
  - In-house training offered by dispatch
  - License-fee reimbursements
  - Sign-on Bonuses
- Maximize route efficiency with software utilization & upgrades
- Strive to decrease daily out of service vehicles
- Continue to improve the district fleet with consistent and balanced replenishment plan

# PLANNED INITIATIVES

- Explore participation in Nassau County's School Bus Safety

Program:

Permits Nassau County to work with school districts to increase bus stop safety through camera monitoring.

Bus cameras can help identify irresponsible drivers and ticket vehicles which illegally pass a bus stop

- Provide additional safety training for new NYS DMV mandates



# PLANNED INITIATIVES

- Explore updated zero-emission bus options



# PLANNED INITIATIVES



## Grants for Energy Improvements at Public School Facilities

Clean Energy Infrastructure

Clean Energy Infrastructure - Grants for Energy Improvements at Public School Facilities



The U.S. Department of Energy recently announced first-of-its-kind investments to make clean energy improvements at K-12 public schools. Funds will assist school districts to make upgrades that will lower facilities' energy costs and foster healthier learning environments for students.

Schools can now apply for the first round of the Renew America's Schools grant, up to \$80 million of the \$500 million program, to make energy improvements especially in the highest-need districts across the country. The Energy Champions Leading the Advancement of Sustainable Schools Prize (Energy CLASS Prize) program is also accepting applications for up to 25 local education agencies to receive \$100,000 to staff and train select administration and facilities personnel as energy managers.

### Apply for the Renew America's Schools Grant

Apply for funding today  
Informational PDF  
Webinar Slides

### Learn about the Energy CLASS prize

Energy CLASS Prize  
Informational  
Webinar, recording, and slides

### Related Resources

- **School Needs and Benefits Assessment Resources** - A compiled list of resources to support development of a baseline energy needs assessment. The tutorial video below demonstrates how DOE's resources may be combined to develop a baseline energy needs assessment.



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# PRIMARY BUDGET DRIVERS 2023-2024

Account	Description	2023 - 24 Proposed Budget	2022 - 23 Budget	Change
A 5510.2100-00-0000	TRANSPORTATION SCHOOL BUSES	\$261,725	\$808,691	(\$546,966)
A 5510.4000-00-0000	TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTUAL EXP	\$185,700	\$85,700	\$100,000
A 5540.4000-00-0000	TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTED BUSES	\$3,100,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,100,000
A 5581.4900-00-0000	TRANSPORTATION BOCES SERVICES	\$1,025,000	\$525,000	\$500,000

\* Increase in contractual transportation due to pandemic, shortage of staff, and students serviced as a result of McKinney-Vento regulations



# DEPARTMENT BUDGET HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE



2022-2023: \$ 5,070,891

2023-2024: \$ 6,186,925

Year-to-Year Change: \$1,116,034\* or 22.0%

Please note: \$1,100,000 of this increase is due to contractual increases caused by the national bus driver shortage. A decrease can be noted in the bus driver salary line in the overall salary budget (which is not included in the above subtotal)



**QUESTIONS?**