



Middle School Transportation Advisory Committee Presentation

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This presentation synthesizes the work of the Middle School Transportation (MST) Advisory Committee. In collaboration with the Mayor's Office, the Boston School Committee appointed a joint committee of BPS staff, MBTA staff, local law enforcement and community members to assess the first year of the BPS Middle School Transportation (MST) Program and provide recommendations on program continuation and improvement. The MST Program is designed to reduce district transportation costs by removing 7th and 8th graders from yellow bus service and subsidizing their transportation to and from school via MBTA subway trains, buses and special shuttles. The Boston School Committee initiated the MST program at the recommendation of Boston Public Schools leadership at the opening of the current school year. Year 1 implementation is limited to 8th graders only.

This presentation provides detailed information on the policy and the impetus for creating. Additionally, this document includes data on program participation, student attendance and tardiness, student safety and costs and savings. Finally, this presentation provides recommendations related to program continuation and program improvement.