



**Transportation Issues Study Committee
The 179th Meeting
February 14, 2011**

**Next Meeting: March 23, 2011, 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
CC- 1 and 2, Minnesota Department of Education (MDE)
Roseville, MN 55113**

[REDACTED]:
Derrick Agate Sr., Hopkins Schools
Fran Wilke, Minnetonka Schools
Jan Vanderwall, Roseville Area Schools
Kelly Wosika, MDE Program Finance/Transportation
Harry Kenerson, unaffiliated
John Thomas, Eastern Carver County Schools
Dave Mohr, Telin Transportation
Shelly Jonas, Minnesota School Bus Operators Association (MSBOA)
Doug Grisim, MSBOA
Brad Lundell, Minnesota Association of Pupil Transportation (MAPT) Lobbyist
Sergeant Duane Bartels, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Minnesota State Patrol (MSP)
Sergeant Paul Davis, MSP
Sergeant Jim Senenfelder, MSP
Sergeant Chad Bauffenback, MSP

[REDACTED]: The summary of the November Transportation Issues meeting will be sent out for approval at the next meeting.

[REDACTED]: Kelly updated the group about the Education Stability Workgroup that has been meeting once a month. The workgroup was formed after an initial discussion at the September 22, 2010, Issues Committee Meeting. The workgroup is made up of representatives from the Department of Human Services, county case workers, MDE employees, school district employees and others. The workgroup has been discussing issues surrounding transportation of students that have been placed in foster homes. There are many issues surrounding this situation especially when the student is placed outside the district of origin.

The Education Stability Workgroup has identified many goals to work toward including; data collection, partnerships at the state and local level, transportation options, best practices and sharing resource information.

Kelly has been attending the Education Stability Workgroup Meetings and will keep the Issues Study Committee informed of the group's progress toward their goals.

There was a discussion among the Issues Study Committee about a district's transportation responsibility for students placed in foster home and how it differs from students experiencing homelessness.

The January 2011 Issue of the Vehicle Newsletter has been posted on the MDE website. It provides information on Transportation Categories in MARSS, Public and Nonpublic Pupil Transportation Communication Guidelines, Ads in School Buses, Safe Routes to School, Charter School Transportation and other items.

The Charter School Choice Survey Form is available for charter schools to indicate their choice for transportation for school year 2011-12. There was a discussion on what transportation services a district and/or charter school is responsible for. There are several new charter schools that plan to open in the fall.

The systems for reporting student (MARSS) and expenditure data (UFARS) are now closed for FY10. Kelly said she will compile the transportation data reported by the districts for statistical purposes and state funding calculations.

Jan explained that some intermediate school districts are looking into streamlining their transportation programs with member districts in order to be more efficient.

Office of Student Transportation Safety: The Office of Student Transportation Safety Stakeholders (OOPTS) meeting was held immediately before the Issues Committee Meeting. Nothing to report.

Legislative: The legislative session discussion was held during the OOPTS meeting. Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous: Jan suggested to poll districts on what they are doing about days that were canceled because of weather during the school year. He is curious if districts are going to make up days or not. It was suggested that when the next agenda is sent out, a request should be made to have districts explain what they are doing about canceled school days.

Future Meetings:

March 23, 2011 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Education Conference Center A., Rooms 1 and 2

Adjourn: 11:30 a.m.