

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Reconciliation of Credits for Non-Compliance for Student Transportation with Durham School Services For the 2018-2019 School Year

The Worcester Public Schools and Durham School Services have been meeting to reconcile service credits for non-compliance during the 2018-2019 school year. While the parties agree to several of the service credits, other issues remain disputed. To avoid further dispute and costs associated with the time and effort of research and continued meeting, the Administration recommends to resolve this issue for last year with a prior year payment totaling \$100,458.23 to provide payment to Durham School Services for the return of service credits for non-compliance that were withheld by the District during the 2018-19 school year, subject to approval by the Worcester School Committee.

Summary of Service Credits for Non-Compliance during 2019-2020:

Total Service Credits for Non-Compliance for Big Bus Transportation:	\$254,100.70
Total Service Credits for Non-Compliance for Mid-Size and Wheelchair Transportation:	<u>\$239,595.35</u>
Total Service Credits for Non-Compliance 2018-2019:	\$493,696.05

The Administration recommends the return of the following service credits for non-compliance to Durham School Services as follows:

1. For late buses during the first two weeks of school during 2018-19 except for those routes that Durham School Services acknowledges driver error or otherwise:

Week one:	\$9,822.38
Week two:	<u>\$6,405.90</u>
Total:	\$16,228.28

The district recognizes the first two weeks of schools include many issues that need route adjustments, load balancing, new stop requests, and other frequent changes.

2. For buses that Durham's Zonar's (GPS) system was claimed as not working on buses: **\$13,765.05**
3. For Credits Taken on Route 33: **\$21,780.06**
Durham claims bus was late departing from Roosevelt School due to traffic/congestion and could not make the next school in time for dismissal
4. For Credits Taken on Route 83: **\$14,520.04**
Durham claims bus doesn't go to Forest Grove it was making a stop for Nelson Place
5. For Credits Taken on Route 35: **\$13,238.86**
Durham claims route has too many stops on the South High route to make it to Forest Grove dismissal on time
6. For Credits Taken on Route 47: **\$10,249.44**
Durham claims bus was late departing from Wawecus Road School due to traffic/congestion and could not make the next school in time for dismissal

7. For Credits Taken on Route 81: \$8,114.14
Durham claims bus was late departing from Chandler Magnet School due to traffic/congestion
and could not make the next school in time for dismissal

8. For Credits Taken on Route 36: \$2,562.36
Durham claims bus was late departing from Norrback Avenue School due to traffic/congestion
and could not make the next school in time for dismissal

Total Returned Service Credits for Specific Routes: \$70,464.90

Total Returned Service Credits for Non-Compliance \$100,458.23

Total Service Credits for Non Compliance 2018-2019: \$393,237.82

The District believes that the return of these credits does not create a future precedent for these particular issues or bus routing for any future service credits for non-compliance during the current 2019-20 school year.

The Administration and Durham School Services are working on a protocol to address service credits in a timely, cooperative, and responsive manner.

The return of these credits are part of the negotiations between the Administration and Durham School Services associated with the revised bid prices for the 2020-2022 contract received from Durham School Services and these revised bid prices are contingent on the payment of these returned service credits.