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SUBJ: ACTION ITEM (Bus Stops)

One of the toughest administrative tasks we face each year is the formation and implementation of a budget that provides the programs and services our students deserve and our citizens expect. That task does not get any easier each year. With the knowledge that we had to dip into fund balance this year, however slight the dip was, we know we must institute further cuts to get that figure down.

One area that has been of particular concern is transportation. State funds for transportation have not kept up with the soaring gas prices and attempts to project transportation expenses are a total guess at best. But, we have to go with the best information we have available to us. In short, we cannot continue to fund exorbitant transportation costs with our local budget.

One area that we have identified for improvement, and one that can easily be implemented in the coming year, is updating our bus stops. A vast majority of our stops are door to door when community stops can be implemented at considerable savings and safety not be compromised.

Therefore, I am recommending that our transportation department work to establish community bus stops where practicable.

I am available to answer any questions you might have.