

TO: School Committee  
FROM: Don Sawyer, Business Manager  
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**RE: Bus Transportation Bid Status**

Bid opening for Bus Transportation services is scheduled on April 7<sup>th</sup> (day of the Committee meeting). A brief overview of the results will be shared at the meeting, however, final action from the Committee should be taken at a future meeting.

A reminder of the options to be considered:

1. **Current Service Level** – no change to current services for Grades K thru 12, one mile minimum radius from applicable school buildings.
2. **Minimum Required by Law** – the minimum transportation services required by MGL which includes Grades K thru 6, two mile minimum radius from applicable school buildings.
3. **Eliminate High School Transportation** – include Grades K thru 8, one mile minimum radius from applicable school buildings.
4. **Combine UHS & Whitin Middle School Transportation** – change school day start/end times at UHS and Whitin in order to provide service to both schools in one bus run. This option would translate into two total bus runs per day.
5. **Split Taft Elementary School Transportation** – divide school day start/end times at Taft for Grades K thru 2 combined and Grades 3 thru 4 combined. Since the elementary school bus run currently requires the highest number of buses to be maintained in the total fleet, this option reduces the required total fleet size. This option would require additional sub-options:
  - a) Would necessitate a fourth bus run in order to provide UHS with transportation;
  - b) Eliminate UHS transportation should a fourth bus run not be an option.