



# NONPUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE

Maryland State Department of Education

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# Presentation Outline

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Meeting #3 Recap and Guiding Questions
4. Developing Recommendations
5. Final Vote on Recommendations
6. Possible Future Meeting and Next Steps



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## Welcome/Introductions

*A welcome to members of the Task Force*

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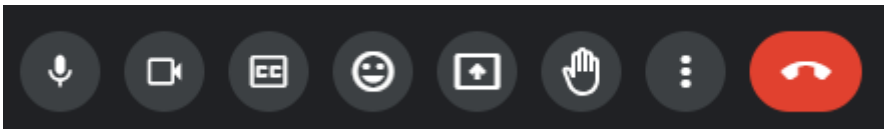
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- A recording of this meeting will be stored and posted on the MSDE website for the public to view.
- Minutes will be taken and sent out to members no later than a week prior to the following meeting.
- <https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Pages/Operations/Pupil-Transportation/TaskForce/index.aspx>

# Membership

**Gabriel Rose** – Director, Office of Pupil Transportation/ Emergency Management

**Vacant** - Assistant State Superintendent of Financial Planning, Operations, and Strategy

**Delegate Dalya Attar**

**Delegate Courtney Watson**

**Senator Shelly Hettleman**

**Senator Paul D Corderman**

**Darryl Clark** - MTA's Director of Service Development

**Sharicca Bolden** – Baltimore City

**Lynne Harris** – Montgomery

**Kenny West** – Baltimore County

**Steve Nelson** – President, Maryland School Bus Contractors Association

**Arielle Frankston** - Morris, Executive Director, Teach MD

**Jeremy Joseph**, Principal - Archbishop Curley High School

**Ann Wagner, EdD** - Head of School, The Banner School

**Rabbi Ariel Sadwin** - President of Maryland CAPE,

# Membership

Krishnanda Tallur - Deputy State Superintendent - Office of Operations

Akilah Alleyne, Ph.D. - Executive Director - Governmental Affairs, Education Policy, and External Relations

Laurel Cratsley - Education Policy Program Analyst - Government Affairs, Education Policy, and External Relations

# Meeting Schedule

Nonpublic School  
Transportation Task Force  
Meeting #1

Nonpublic School  
Transportation Task Force  
Meeting #2

Nonpublic School  
Transportation Task Force  
Meeting #3

Nonpublic School  
Transportation Task Force  
Meeting #4

Thursday, August 24

Thursday, September 14

Thursday, September 28

Tuesday, October 17

2:00 – 4:00pm

1:00 – 3:00pm

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## Task Force Deliverable

The task force will make recommendations regarding methods by which the State may support **the reduction** in use of passenger vehicles for the transportation of nonpublic school students and **policies** for busing programs for the transportation of nonpublic school students.

# Task Force Timeline

On or before **December 15, 2023**, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee.



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## Public Comment

*Public Comment Period for members of the Public*



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## Review September 28th Meeting

*An overview of the Task Forces' October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Minutes for adoption and resources from prior meetings.*

# Minutes for approval

- Minutes from the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting were sent to members on October 10, 2023.
- Upon approval of the minutes from September 28, they will be posted on the Task Force webpage.
- If revisions are needed, email Gabriel Rose at [Gabriel.rose1@maryland.gov](mailto:Gabriel.rose1@maryland.gov)

# Resources from Prior Task Force Meetings

- Public School Pupil Transportation
  - St. Mary's County Public Schools
  - Frederick County Public Schools
  - Montgomery County Public Schools
- MSDE 2022 End of Year Transportation Report
- Survey Results from Nonpublic Schools
- Survey Results from Public Schools
- Results from State Surveys
- Mentimeter Survey Results

# Summery of Recommendations from Prior Task Force Meetings

Decrease the number of personal vehicles on the road for private school transportation.

- Increase nonpublic school transportation options for families.
- Expand MTA options for families in serviceable areas.

Avoid significant impact to public school systems with any implementation options.

- Increase communication between local public/non-public schools.

Expand the understanding of what Nonpublic Schools are using for transportation.

Expand the awareness of existing transportation programs for nonpublic schools.

Create policies for nonpublic school busing programs.

- Encourage communication between nonpublic school transportation offices

# Summary of Guiding Questions from Prior Task Force Meetings

- *What option(s) are available for nonpublic schools to provide transportation for students to and from school? (#1 Meeting)*
- *Can Public School Systems Accommodate Nonpublic School Students Within Their Operation? (#1 Meeting)*
- *How will the Task Force Decide on Recommendations? (#2 Meeting)*
- *What are the options to consider as recommendations for nonpublic school transportation? (#2 Meeting)*
- *What does the data gathered from our survey tell us? How can this data assist the Task Force on making transportation recommendations for the State? (#3 Meeting)*
- *What recommendation(s) would be the most uncomplicated and straightforward to implement with the most impact? (#3 Meeting)*





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## Developing Recommendations

*A discussion on how the Task Force will start to develop recommendations.*

# Recommendation Grading Matrix

## Cost

The expected impact of funding the recommendation.

**State** – Money or Grants from the State or Tax Credit

**Districts** – Local counties and/or government office

**Families** – Money that is paid out of family's pockets.

## Feasibility

How easy or uncomplicated it would be to implement the recommendation.

The higher number of individuals involved in a recommendation or the amount of work that would go in, would increase the difficulty to implement.

## Impact

The direct change in the number of cars/ automobiles on the road in the morning and afternoon due to the recommendation.

The greater the impact the lower number of personal vehicles on the road.

## Consensus Building

The easy of getting support or agreement on a recommendation by members of different groups or offices.

The easier the consensus. the less opposition the recommendation would encounter from different groups or offices.

# Consensus Decision Making

1. A Recommendation is stated. The Chair states that a recommendation is before the group for consideration. The recommendation may be asked to be repeated to ensure that all members have heard the recommendation.
2. Time is provided for members to ask clarifying questions. The individual that proposed the recommendation may answer if asked by another member.
3. An Open Discussion is called for. All members engage in discussion to amend, refine or restructure the recommendation as needed. There is no time limit, and all members will respect the time needed to discuss the recommendation. If concerns are resolved, the recommendation is reiterated and moves to the 4<sup>th</sup> step. If there is not consensus, the recommendation begins again at step 1 or is tabled.
4. After the Open Discussion, the Chair will ask if there are any unresolved concerns. If none the recommendation is decided.



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## Final Vote on Recommendations

*A determination of the final list of recommendations to be included in the final report.*



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## Future Meeting and Next Steps

*When is the next scheduled meeting and next steps for the Task Force?*

# Next Steps

- Next Meeting:
  - Is there a need for a 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting?
  - A report will be drafted following the 4th Task Force meeting.
  - It will be shared with members
- Nonpublic School Transportation Task Force Webpage:  
<https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/programs/Pages/Operations/Pupil-Transportation/TaskForce/index.aspx>