



Transportation changes made to meet challenges of declining revenue



While MSD Wayne has been able to continue to provide outstanding services to its students, the fact remains that our revenue from property tax collections decreases each year. As those revenues continue to decline, we have sought additional efficiencies throughout our budget, including the dollars we spend on transportation.

Changes made to the transportation schedule for the 2013-14 school year helped meet our declining property tax collections while maintaining our commitment to continue to offer transportation for as long as possible. The net result of this restructuring was a savings to our taxpayers of more than \$900,000.

Because our tax revenues continue to shrink, we have looked for additional savings in our transportation system. At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 14, the MSD Wayne Board of Education accepted the district's recommendation for changes to the district's transportation budget for the 2014-15 school year. These changes will result in savings to our taxpayers of another \$450,000 annually.

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The modifications to our transportation schedule will allow us to run and maintain fewer buses. Pick-up points will be modified to reduce the number of stops each bus makes on a route. With the coming year's scheduling change, nine of our 11 elementary schools will be on the same schedule. Ben Davis High School and Ben Davis Ninth Grade Center will start later, which is consistent with best practice research showing older children learn better later in the day.

For more information on transportation changes for 2014-15, please visit the home page of our website at www.wayne.k12.in.us

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