

RE RE Transportation Response to IDEAS Report.txt

From: Maya Romero [maya@taoschools.org]
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2009 1:56 PM
To: lilli@ideapete.com
Subject: RE: Transportation Response to IDEAS Report

I don't know anything about any legislative appropriations for fuel that the district could have applied for. This could have been before my time in this position. I do know that PED did give us two emergency fuel adjustments for that year (2007-2008). I did not say I had applied for that fuel supplement, I said I had applied for an emergency fuel adjustment. Two separate things. I have copies of letters from PED advising us of legislative approval of the two supplemental fuel adjustments. Activity buses are never paid from 13000 funds. They can be paid from 11000 funds. There is no reimbursement for activity buses. Regulations say an activity bus shall not be operated once they have become twenty (20) years of age. Our activity buses would never last that long. They get a lot of usage. Thanks
>>> "Lilli Segre" <lilli@ideapete.com> 8/19/2009 11:41 AM >>>

Maya,

Thanks for the response. I'm still struggling with the additional funds for fuel costs that the legislature appropriated the year that gas prices hit \$4/gal. Mr. Gonzales when he was interviewed prior to becoming superintendent told us that one of his issues with the district was that as a legislator he had worked to make funds available to the district and that frequently the district never applied for those funds, and he cited the fuel supplement as an example. Yet you stated to me when we met that you had applied for the fuel supplement and were turned down. Can you provide documentation one way or the other?

With regard to activity buses, do I understand that activities drivers also are never paid from 13000? I understand about trips paid for out of program or activity funds, but are they ever paid from 11000? Are the buses owned by the district subject to the same PED-mandated replacement schedule as the to and from buses, and is the district reimbursed the same way any other operator would be?

Thanks.
Lilli

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Hello. 1. Eligible registered riders: 1643 and 9 per capita feeder routes. 2. There is not an application process for additional funding requests. You simply request for additional funding with documentation to substantiate the request. In this case our 40th day final allocation was \$214,000 less than the tentative budget initially provided by PED. 3. Wilbur is not a 13000 employee. He is a fleet mechanic for activity buses/school vehicles - strictly operational (11000. Thanks

>>> "Lilli Segre" <lilli@ideapete.com> 8/16/2009 5:28 PM >>>

Maya, I have a few questions remaining:

- 1.. How many students did you transport in 2008-2009, and for how many did you provide per-capita or per-mile reimbursement to families?
- 2.. Could you please provide me a copy of the 2008 application for the emergency supplemental fuel funds that you said was denied by PED and the PED response. (I can pick up a hard copy any time the week of 8/17)
- 3.. In the latest copy of the budget that I have, Wilbur Trujillo is listed on the fund 11000 budget. Why is this?

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Thanks.
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