

State Transportation Aid

- A. **The NJSBA believes** that State transportation aid should be provided to assist local districts in paying the cost of transporting children to and from school who live too far away to walk. *[Authority: DA 5/01-7]*
- B. **The NJSBA believes** the state should ensure sufficient resources for the transportation of students, including, but not limited to: 100% full-funding for all transportation costs; reimburse districts for unanticipated costs; and maintain the current 2 and 2 ½ mile busing requirement. *[Authority: DA 12/67-4, DA 12/72-11, BD 11/74, DA 5/74-CR (Transportation), DA 6/79-31, DA 12/81-8, DA 12/81-CR (Urban Education), DA 12/83-17, DA 12/92-CR (Transportation), DA 11-01-SR, DA 11/06-SR, DA 11/11-SR, DA 12/16-SR]*

Shared Transportation Services

- A. **The NJSBA believes** that the transportation funding formula should foster cooperation among districts. Districts and communities should be encouraged to take advantage of existing public transportation systems to transport students to and from school where feasible, e.g., NJ Transit buses;
- B. **The NJSBA believes** that State funds should be set aside for transportation for shared advanced curriculum offerings among the school districts of the state. *[Authority: DA 6/89-CR Cooperative Transportation, DA 11/95-CR Shared Services, DA 11-01-SR, DA 11/06-SR, DA 11/11-SR, DA 12/16-SR]*

Two-Way Communication

- A. **The NJSBA believes** that the state should provide full transportation funding to school districts for installation of a two-way communications network in district bus fleets.
- B. **The NJSBA believes** that coordination should be encouraged between local police by using two-way communications to interface with the police. *[Authority: DA 6/87-5, DA 11-01-SR, DA 11/06-SR, DA 11/11-SR, DA 12/16-SR]*

Incentives for Financially Advantageous Transportation Arrangements

The NJSBA believes that the State Department of Education should design incentives for districts to seek the most financially advantageous and safe transportation arrangements for their students. *[Authority: DA 12/83-15, DA 11-01-SR, DA 11/06-SR, DA 12/16-SR]*

Bidding

The NJSBA believes boards of education should be permitted to provide mandated transportation of pupils on a per pupil, per mile, per vehicle or per route basis, when a district's alternative method would result in a cost savings to the district. *[Authority: DA 8/88-A, DA 5/96-SR, DA 11/96-CR (School Finance), DA 5/97-CR (School Finance), DA 11-01-SR, DA 11/06-SR, DA 11/11-SR, DA 12/16-SR]*

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