

**Memorandum  
Belmont Public Schools**

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To: George Entwistle  
From: Gerry Missal *GM*  
Re: Wellington busing after the move to the High School  
Date: November 6, 2009

As the attached sheet of bus riders indicates, there are currently 112 Wellington bus riders. To break this down further, please note:

AM only	20
PM only	22
AM & PM	70

Thus the total number of riders in the morning is  $20 + 70 = 90$ , while the number of riders in the afternoon is  $22 + 70 = 92$ .

The morning has five buses coming to the Wellington carrying the 90 students, for an average load of 18 riders per bus. The afternoon has only two buses taking 92 students home, for an average load of 46 riders per bus. Thus there is capacity in the morning to add a good number of riders, with some capacity in the afternoon to add a few without requiring additional afternoon runs.

My recommendation for busing Wellington students to their new home on the High School campus would be to allow any Wellington student ride the bus regardless of distance. Thus, even if they are considered to be within walking distance, they would be eligible to ride the bus if the families are willing to pay the fee. We would still maintain the user fee of \$520 per year (\$260 per the second half of the year) for any student within two miles of the High School. Some families who are currently 1.9 miles from the Wellington, may now find themselves over two miles from the High School and would be entitled to a refund for the second half of the school year.

I am also discussing with the Police Department where two crossing guards would be placed on Concord Avenue, for students who wish to walk.

cc: Amy Wagner  
Donna Pini

**BELMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS 02478**

TO: Dr. George Entwistle

DATE: October 27, 2009

FROM: Gerry Missal

RE: Busing Update

The following is a listing of bus requests received as of today:

	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Waivers</u>	<u>Free</u>	<u>Family</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Butler	A.M. -	0				
	P.M. -	0				
	A.M./P.M. -	3		1	4	
	<b>TOTAL -</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
Wellington	A.M. -	17	1	1	20	
	P.M. -	18	4		22	
	A.M./P.M. -	26	16	27	1	70
	<b>TOTAL -</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>112</b>
Winn Brook	A.M. -	19		2	1	22
	P.M. -	2				2
	A.M./P.M. -	28	2	37	10	77
	<b>TOTAL -</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>101</b>
Middle School	A.M. -	54	2	2	1	59
	P.M. -	28	2	2		32
	A.M./P.M.	189	37	49	8	283
	<b>TOTAL -</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>374</b>
High School	A.M. -	33				33
	P.M. -	6	1			7
	A.M./P.M. -	54	15		2	71
	<b>TOTAL -</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>111</b>
Belmont Day	A.M. -	1				1
	P.M. -	7				7
	A.M./P.M. -	5				5
	<b>TOTAL -</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>715</b>	

GM:dp

Waivers include free or reduced passes  
 Family include three children (or more) in same family  
 Free includes children who live 2 miles or more