

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN MURPHY



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE

ORDER OF COUNCILOR MURPHY

ORDERED: That under the provisions of section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and any other applicable provision of law, Her Honor, the Mayor, be, and hereby is, requested to obtain and deliver to the City Council, within one week of the receipt hereof, the following information:

We are aware that on-time AM bus arrival data BPS submits to DESE omits a large portion of data for planned arrival routes. 25% of routes are missing data. Of the 75% of data that BPS does share, we request the following information.

Based on the responses from my previous 17F that asked:

- 1: The number of students each day that did not get picked up by their assigned school bus
- 2: The number of times a backup bus needed to be sent out

We calculated that on average, 51.7 students are on uncovered buses each day, and an average of 5.6 students per day have a backup bus sent to them, this means the Boston Public Schools do not pick up 46.1 students per day via the bus that is assigned to transport them safely, and on time, to school. Many of these students arrive very late, or not make it to school at all. A high percentage of students assigned to school buses are on IEPs, which means many of our special education students are missing critical specialized services and therapies.

We are still waiting on the responses to the following questions and despite BPS telling us that they do not have data on bus student arrival times available by student or by school, we know that BPS utilizes Aspen, which is the district's student information tracking system, and each school is required to record absences and time of tardies for each student, each day.

1. The actual time the students arrived at school if there bus was late, a backup bus was sent, or a bus did not pick them up at all
 - a. The number of students across the system this happens to on a daily basis since September 9, 2022
 - b. The number of students by school this happens to on a daily basis since September 9, 2022

2. How many of these students miss an entire day of school because of our unreliable bus system
 - a. The number of students across the system since September 9, 2022
 - b. The number of students by school since September 9, 2022

Requesting that Boston Public School's, through the Mayor, provide any and all information that is available regarding this matter.

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