

West County Transportation Agency

**Santa Rose City Schools
School Board Meeting
September 13, 2017**

Presented by:

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The mission of the Agency is to provide safe, coordinated, cost-effective, and child-centered transportation for our members.

Timeline of SRCS Membership

- 2012 SRCS Associate Superintendent of Business approached WCTA researching membership
- 2014 SRCS Commissioned a Transportation Study
- 2014 WCTA Board offered membership
- 2015 SRCS Commissioned another Transportation Study
- 2015 SRCS Ad-Hoc Committee
- October 2015 approved membership in JPA

Agency Membership

- Non-profit
- Long-term commitment
- Rights and responsibilities to all members
- Employees are represented by CSEA
- Rights to decision making, participation, and a collective impact
- Economy of scale
- Cooperative arrangement between 17 different school districts
- In essence, our success is your success

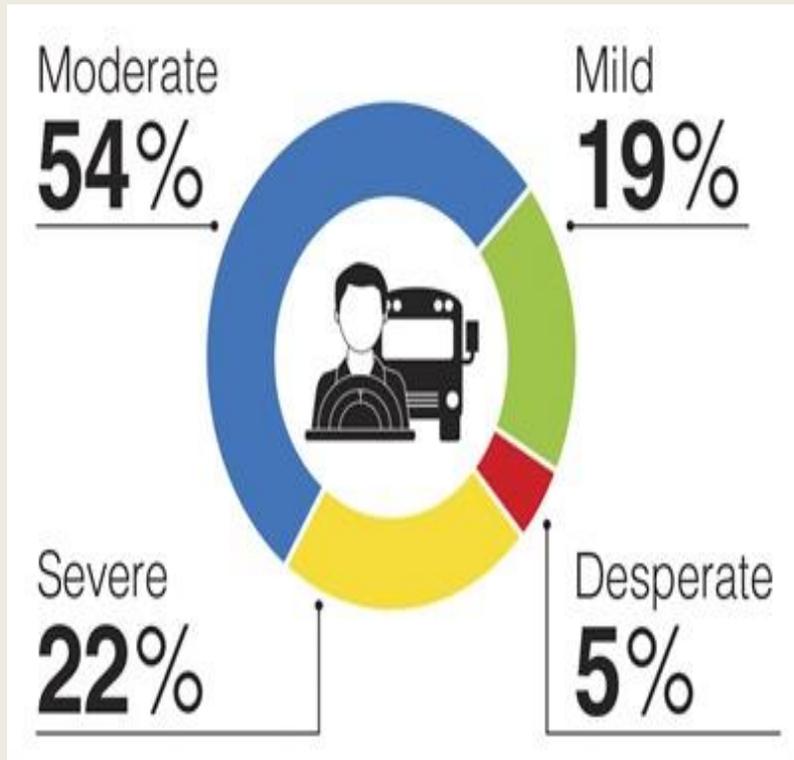
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- Responses to Board of Directors Comments
 - Dispatch office calls
 - Large school districts providing their own transportation
 - WCTA ability to meet staffing needs for SRCS membership
 - School start date(s)

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- Response to presentation
 - Issuance of Revenue Bonds
 - Closing Certificate
 - GPS Application not installed

National School Bus Driver Shortage



- Nearly one in four respondents report a severe driver shortage
- None (0% short of drivers),
- Mild (1-5% short),
- Moderate (6-10% short),
- Severe (11-15% short),
- Desperate (at least 16% short).

WCTA Recruitment Efforts

- “New” Bus Driver recruitment and incentives
 - Paid training
 - Hiring incentive
 - Health and Welfare
 - Added 11 month and 12 month Bus Driver positions

WCTA Recruitment Efforts Cont.

- Advertisement for School Bus Drivers
 - Ongoing since 2016
 - Ongoing since March 2017
- Additional Recruitment Efforts

Staffing Table

Type of Route	16-17 Number of Routes	17-18 Number of Routes	Number of Drivers	Drivers Out On Long-term	Driver Positions Uncovered	Anticipated Driver Needs
Regular Education	43	43	42	2	2	1
Vans Special Education	7	15	13	0	2	2
Contracted Special Education	4	0	0	0	0	0
Buses Special Education	72	72	66	2	8	10
Stand-by Drivers 20 (subs)	N/A	N/A	9	0	11	11
Totals	126	130	130	4	24	24

Data Challenges

- SY 2016-17
- December 2016 SRCS Board meeting
- Spring 2017

Data Challenges Cont.

- Notifications of routed 2017-2018 SPED students
- After the first 3 days of school
- As of September 6, 2017

Data Challenges Cont.

- Ended 2016-17 with approximately 945 Special Needs students
 - Approximately 543 SRCS Students
- Currently have 928 routed Special Needs students
 - Approximately 551 SRCS Students

Future Considerations

- Participate in Calendar Committee
- Perform a bell time study to improve efficiency and reduce routes
- Assist in creating a program that will help gather and verify quality student data
- Withdrawal from membership