



EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

Regionalization Committee Meeting

DISTRICT-WIDE SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE

Monday, September 24, 2007
 Ellsworth High School
 6:30 p.m.

Description of Ideas

Combine Bus Routes (such as pickup Ellsworth students on way to High School from surrounding towns)

Information Considered

1. Phase in over 2-3 years
2. Bus time should not exceed one hour
3. Be careful not to increase the time on bus
4. Parking Lot

Opportunities to Improve Learning	Challenges to Improve Learning
-Less time on bus	-More time on bus
	-Different schools start/end schedules

Opportunities to Reduce Cost	Challenges to Reducing Cost
-Fewer Busses	-Investigate use for extracurricular and field trips
-Fewer Drivers	-Coordination: the need for Transportation Director
-Less Fuel (cheaper/bulk purchase)	-Mixture of owning/contracting
-Fewer spare busses	
-Less maintenance/overhead	
-Less Insurance	
-Possible centralized bus garage	
-Bus Purchase	
-Special Education sharing?	

Special Education Possibilities

1. Management - Director of Special Education Services
Staff/ 1-2 Coordinators
2. Testing Services
3. Programming – to increase opportunities, combine services
4. Sharing Specialists/Teachers
OT/PT/GT
Day treatment programs- Social Workers
5. Transportation
6. LAWS – Stay alert and within them
7. Professional training for all staff (ed. techs., teachers, etc.)
8. Sharing Resources
9. Interventions

Maintenance Possibilities

1. **Director**
2. Carpenters/electrician/plumbers available to schools
(**Contract vs. employees**)
3. Purchasing – materials/supplies
4. Janitors – custodial services, janitorial supplies (central storage area?)
5. Sharing coverage when sick

We will use the RSU Planning Template to explore these ideas in more detail at the next RSU meeting, September 27, 2007, 7:30 a.m., in the Central Office Conference Room, Mill Mall.