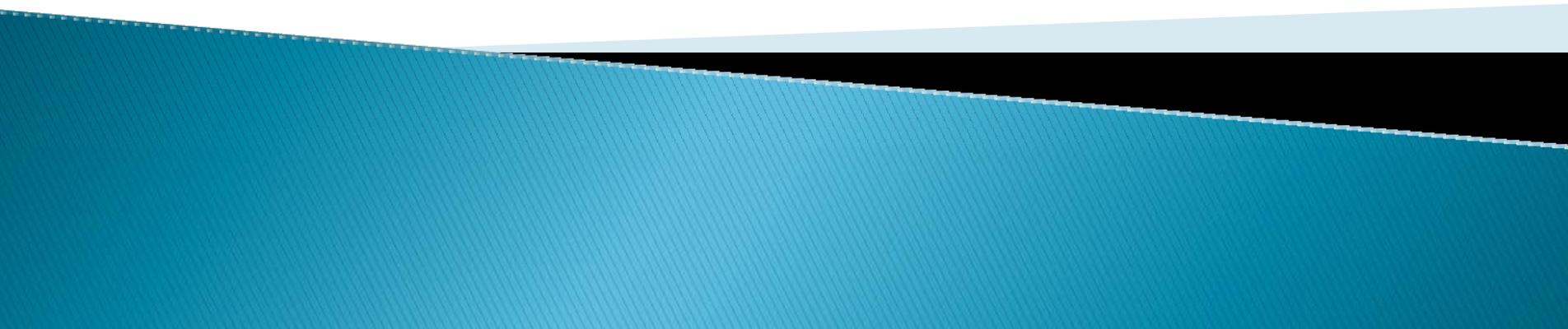


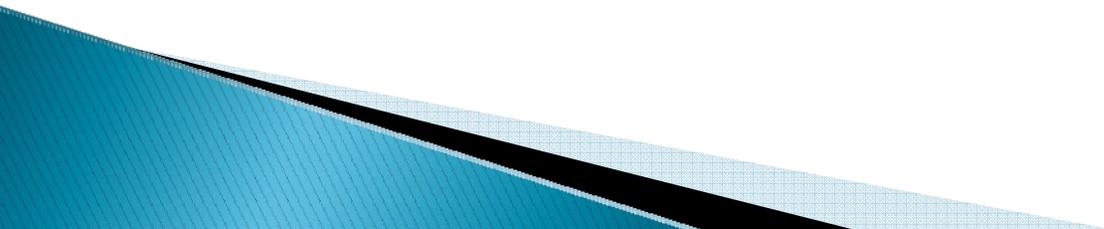
Ridge High School – Morning Arrival Board of Education Report February 13, 2012

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CEDAR HILL BUS DROP OFF – CONS

1. Bus traffic through Homestead Village for 20 minutes
 2. 600 ft. walk from bus drop-off to RHS
 3. Priority given to clearing of walkway by Aramark
 4. Teacher present with golf cart to transport students in need
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CEDAR HILL BUS DROP OFF –PROS

1. Buses are on time – this may enable a moving forward of bus pickup times that dissuade parents from using buses
2. Oval much safer for cars and pedestrians
 - Buses obstructed vision
 - Buses merged twice
3. Cars can pull up all the way to PAC ramp relieving pressure on traffic light
4. Feedback from student drivers and staff indicate a smoother flow of traffic and 5 – 10 minute less wait time.
5. Reduced lateness to school*

BUS DROP OFF @ RIDGE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Tardy Passes 7:36-7:46</u>	<u>Temperature</u>	<u>Precipitation In Inches</u>	<u>Precipitation Type</u>
1/31/2011	98	12°	0.40	Snow
2/1/2011	0 ¹	25°	0.40	Rain
2/2/2011	no school	25°	0.53	Rain
2/3/2011	190	11°	0.00	None
2/4/2011	90	15°	0.00	None

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1/9/2012	49	27°	0	None
1/10/2012	62	23°	0	None
1/11/2012	64	26°	1.46	Rain
1/12/2012	0 ¹	40°	0.23	Rain
1/13/2012	0 ¹	26°	0.02	Trace of Snow

BUS DROP OFF @ CEDAR HILL

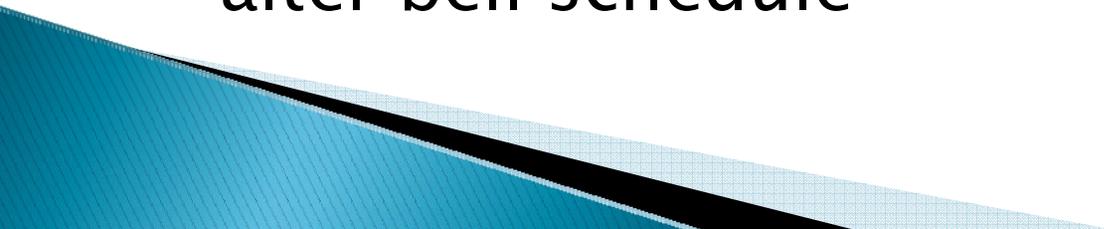
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2/6/2012	43	26°	0	None
2/7/2012	27	28°	0	None
2/8/2012	44	29°	0	None
2/9/2012	91 ²	25°	0.06	Trace of Snow
2/10/2012	41	32°	0	None

Notable Factors:

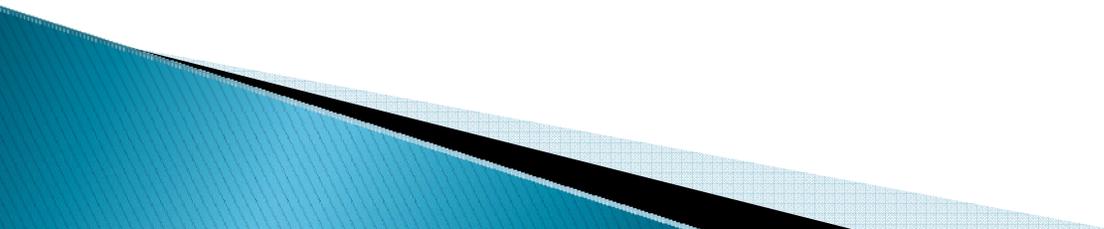
¹Tardy passes were not issued because of extraordinary traffic due to weather conditions

²Extra traffic due to weather

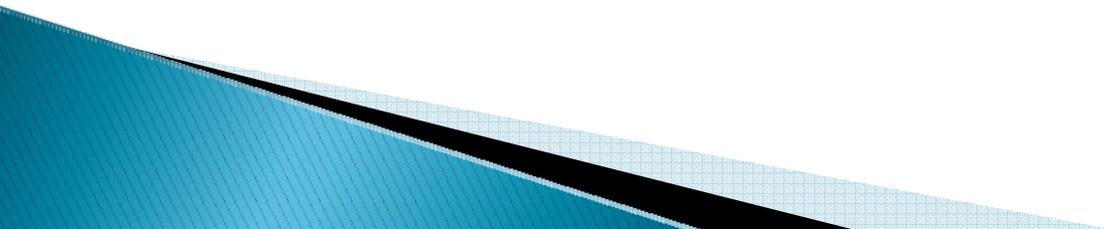
POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED

1. Second entrance through municipal complex
 2. Second entrance/exit from Maple Ave.
 3. Cedar Hill drop-off
 4. No right on red into school from South Finley
 5. Health Department exit
 6. Encouraging parents to have children ride buses
 7. Buses drop off behind RHS gym
 8. Segregate arrival of buses vs. cars and/or alter bell schedule
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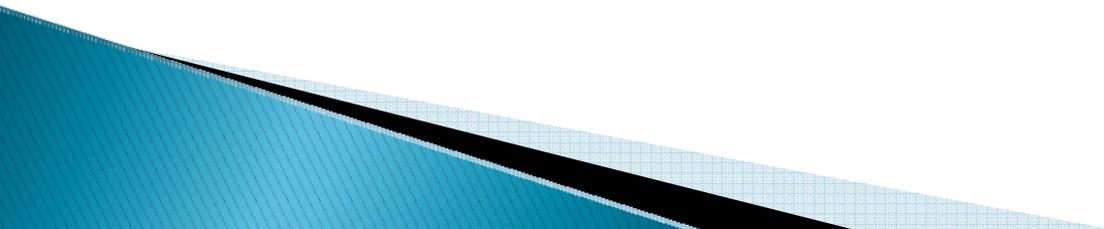
BUS DRIVERS' COMMENTS

1. No longer sitting in lines of traffic
 2. No rushing
 3. No students being dropped off around buses and running in between buses
 4. Bus traffic is not mixed with parent traffic
 5. No worrying about waiting by the railroad tracks
 6. Drop-off is easier and there is no stress
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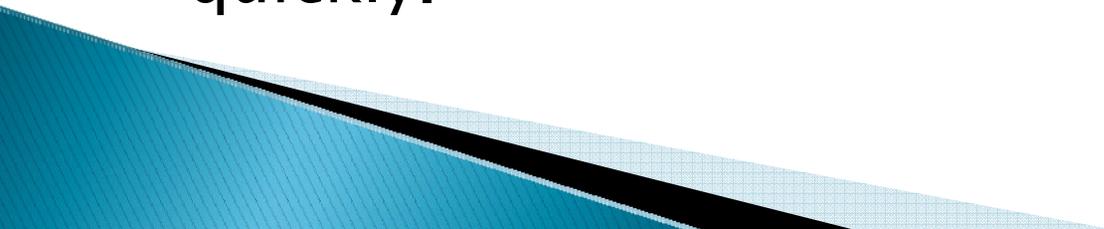
SHARED SACRIFICE

- ▶ The neighborhood around the drop-off has buses coming through in the early morning.
 - ▶ Students who are bused must wait at bus stop and walk 600 ft to school
 - ▶ Students who live within 2.5 miles must either walk, drive or pay \$690 per child to be bused.
 - ▶ Drivers must deal with traffic congestion at light.
 - ▶ Walkers must deal with adverse weather conditions.
 - ▶ Citizens trying to get to their workplace must take longer alternative routes, leave earlier than needed or deal with traffic.
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STAFF COMMENTS

- ▶ **BIG IMPROVEMENT!** I arrive anywhere between 6:50 – 7:10 am (but usually closer to 7:10), and I've noticed a significant difference in the time it takes to get into the driveway from Lake Rd., and then the parking lot is significantly less congested.
 - ▶ It's been much smoother in the morning with the new traffic patterns. I have cut 10 minutes off my wait on Lake Road. Hope it is here to stay!
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STAFF COMMENTS

- ▶ It has cut at least five minutes out of my driving time. I have definitely seen a difference!
 - ▶ Morning traffic coming from North Finley Ave. is almost nil. The small amount of cars at the light, can now move quickly into Ridge drive with no backup once the light changes.
 - ▶ I love the (lack of) traffic in the AM. What a difference!
 - ▶ I get to school somewhere between 7–10 minutes earlier. The line is still long, but it moves very quickly.
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CONCLUSION

Given the existing circumstances, the administration views the use of Cedar Hill School for morning drop-off of bused Ridge High School students as the most viable alternative to the status quo. The trial period has proven to be dramatically successful. Therefore, it is recommended that the trial process be continued as permanent until such time as other solutions may become available for assessment.

