

# INADEQUATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

**Transportation costs** continue to rise, but funding allocated to schools has not followed. Schools are forced to draw funding from other important educational priorities to keep up.



## REAL WORLD EXAMPLE:

from a MN charter school serving 1,000 students

TRANSPORTATION COSTS \$905K	TRANSPORTATION REVENUE COVERS \$492K OR 54.4%	GENERAL FUND REVENUE COVERS \$413k or 46.6%
Transportation costs were \$905,000 for the 2021 -2022 school year.	The school received \$492,000 or 54.4% of the costs from Transportation and Trans. Sparsity Revenue.	The school spent about \$413,000 or 46.6% out of their general revenue, for classroom funding, to cover the difference.

## MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENTS FOR SCHOOL PARENT TRANSPORTATION HAVE NOT BEEN UPDATED FOR OVER 30 YEARS

Since the Legislature set the reimbursement rate it has not increased. Qualifying charter school parents can only receive 15 cents per mile for transporting their child to school up to 250 miles per week. The current IRS mileage reimbursement is 65.5 cents per mile. (Jan. 2023)



### POLICY SOLUTION:

Update student transportation funding to meet the increased current costs.



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