

EXHIBIT 1
DATE 1-10-05
HB 74

Date: January 10, 2005

From: Dan Martin, Operations Officer – Billings Public Schools

To: House Education Committee

Re: HB 74 amendment

Representative Branae,

Billings Public Schools is in support of HB 74 as written, however, we would like to propose an amendment.

In the Billings High School district we transport students from their home schools to various schools in the district. For example, each high school sends students to the Career Center, to the Alternative High School, to Young Families School and to our Freshman Academy's located at two different sites. Currently, all of those transportation costs are budgeted and paid from the General Fund. (about \$200,000)

We believe those costs would be an appropriate expenditure for the Transportation Fund. We are not asking for state or county reimbursement.

Please amend HB 74,

Section 2, 20-10-143

Following sub (3), add sub (4)

(4) The trustees may include in the transportation fund budget the expenditures for the transportation of district students in a school bus to attend classes in any of the districts schools or colleges located within the high school district.