

## WEBSITE

A website has been created to provide valuable information to you as you strive to create cost efficiencies in special education transportation. The DESE October 1st placement data is available to assist you in identifying districts to explore the possibility of creating ride share opportunities. Vendor information is also provided as a resource.

[www.SpEdTransSavings.org](http://www.SpEdTransSavings.org)

### WHY USE THIS SITE

- Provides resource when setting up transportation
- Identifies districts near you sending students to the same program
- Helpful in arranging transportation for McKinney-Vento students
- Helpful documents
- Vendor list

## TASK FORCE MEMBERS

- **Mass Administrators for Special Education (ASE)**
- **Mass Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)**
- **Mass Assoc. of 766 Approved Schools (maaps)**
- **Mass Assoc. of Pupil Transportation (MAPT)**
- **Mass Assoc. of School Business Officials (MASBO)**
- **Mass Assoc. of School Committees (MASC)**
- **Mass Assoc. of School Superintendents (MASS)**
- **Mass Organization of Educational**

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# Cost Savings Special Education Transportation

A Program Supported by  
the State Special  
Education Transportation  
Taskforce to Save You  
Money

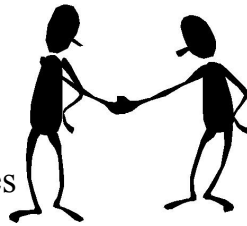
**Are you looking for ways to improve your special education transportation program and reduce your budget? Resources are available to help you.**



# SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION COST SAVINGS INITIATIVE

## PURPOSE

The members of the Massachusetts Special Needs Transportation Task Force have a strong commitment to support you as you strive for high quality, cost-effective transportation for your students with disabilities. This can be accomplished by creating efficiencies in routing students by utilizing a shared multi-district approach, or participating in regional transportation network systems established across the Commonwealth. It is imperative for all school districts to participate in these joint efforts, taking a leadership role in creating greater cost efficiencies while maintaining and supporting the highest quality of service.



**By working together we can best serve all students.**

## REVIEWS

The Massachusetts Association of Pupil Transportation (MAPT) has been awarded a contract from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to sustain on-going efforts of the State Special Education Transportation Taskforce. This program is no longer supported through the contract, however, MAPT is continuing this effort. District 100% responsible for cost.

### Scope of Work

- Review all contracts and processes used for obtaining transportation services
- Conduct analysis of in-house operations
- Review role of district personnel in arranging services
- Conduct analysis of transportation budget and route costs
- Review IEP process as it pertains to transportation

## TESTIMONIALS

*Because of your efforts, our out of district transportation is currently managed more efficiently and effectively. Your team has supported us in providing cost-effective, safe and enjoyable transportation experiences for our students and families. As important, your team's professionalism, creativity, and depth of research resulted in tremendous savings for the Uxbridge Public Schools. **As an example, our OOD transportation costs decreased 19.4% from FY18 to FY19.** These savings translated into increased and improved academic programming for all Uxbridge students. – Brian Hyde, Uxbridge Public Schools*

*The special education transportation review conducted was beneficial in many ways to the Gateway Regional School District. Not only did the review and final report provide an in-depth analysis of the special education transportation for the district, it also provided recommendations for improving efficiency in this respect. **Since the time of the review, Gateway has reduced transportation costs by over 40% from FY '15 to FY '18.** The review included meetings with the business manager, transportation coordinator, as well as the special education director, with an open dialogue and review of current practices as well as recommendations and procedures for improving on those practices. – Stephanie Fisk, Gateway Regional School District*

*MAPT met with us and our vendor to thoroughly review our arrangement and understanding of our vendors routing system. We appreciated the independent review of our operations. – Robert Jokela, Fitchburg Public Schools*