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I. Vacancies of transportation personnel are a huge issue in many Districts. There is a perceived notion that bus drivers do not want to work at this position because students are misbehaved, even dangerous. At a minimum, it is thought that it is not possible to concentrate on driving with 100% attention while disciplining or maintaining order on the bus. If this is a fact, let's resolve the ROOT problem vs chasing candidates with salaries and benefits.

If this is a fallacy, perhaps a positive campaign highlighting the overwhelming personal rewards of these jobs will help fill vacancies.

II. Funding is needed to support Districts with large geographic areas. The EPS formula is not kind enough to rural schools. This often makes AM pick up and PM drop off times unreasonable. This, among other things, contributes to students disliking the bus rides. Final comment Additional funding will allow bus routes for younger students to be separate from the High School. A 6 yo's exposure to the behavior and discussions of secondary students can be inappropriate.

Might there be established guidelines for the maximum time on a bus and/or recommendations for separating pre K-8 and Secondary Students.