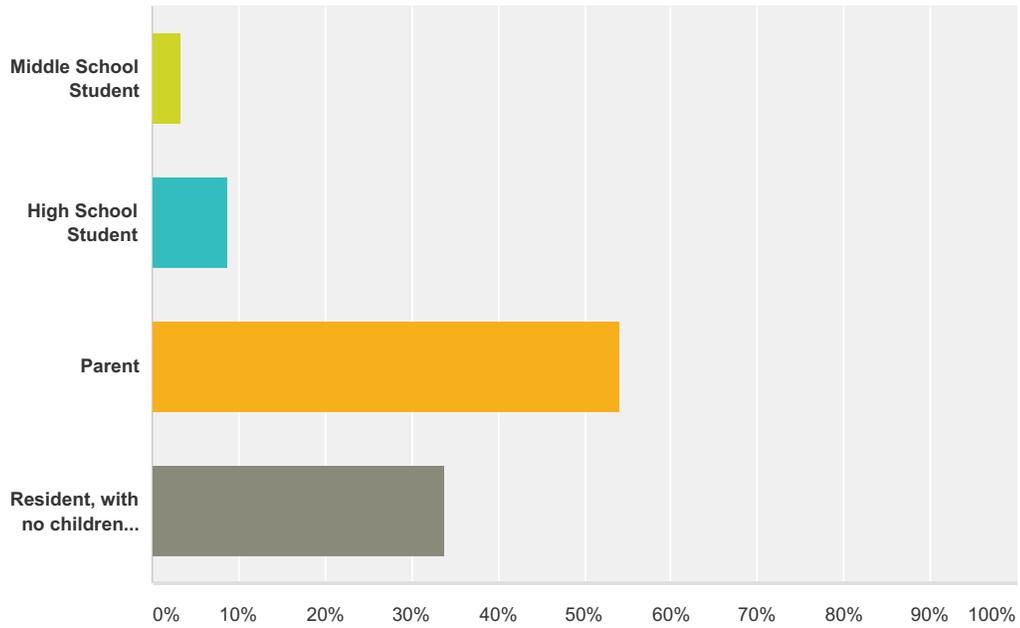


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## Q1 I am a...

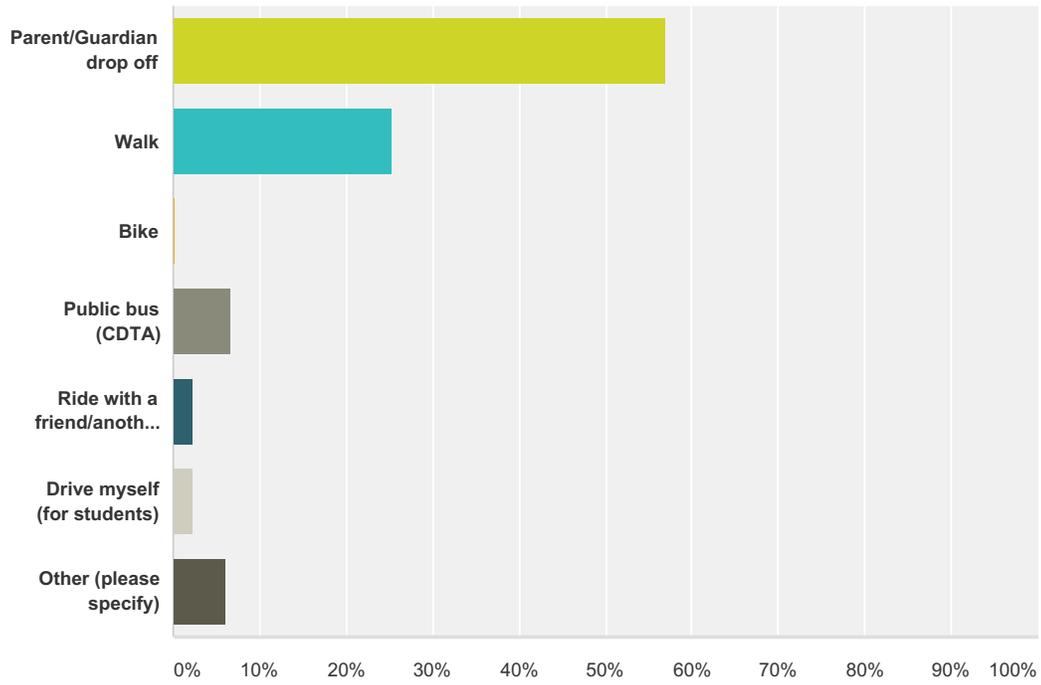
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Answer Choices	Responses
Middle School Student	3.28% 16
High School Student	8.81% 43
Parent	54.10% 264
Resident, with no children attending district schools [PLEASE GO TO QUESTION 7]	33.81% 165
<b>Total</b>	<b>488</b>

## Q2 Most often, how do you/your children get TO school?

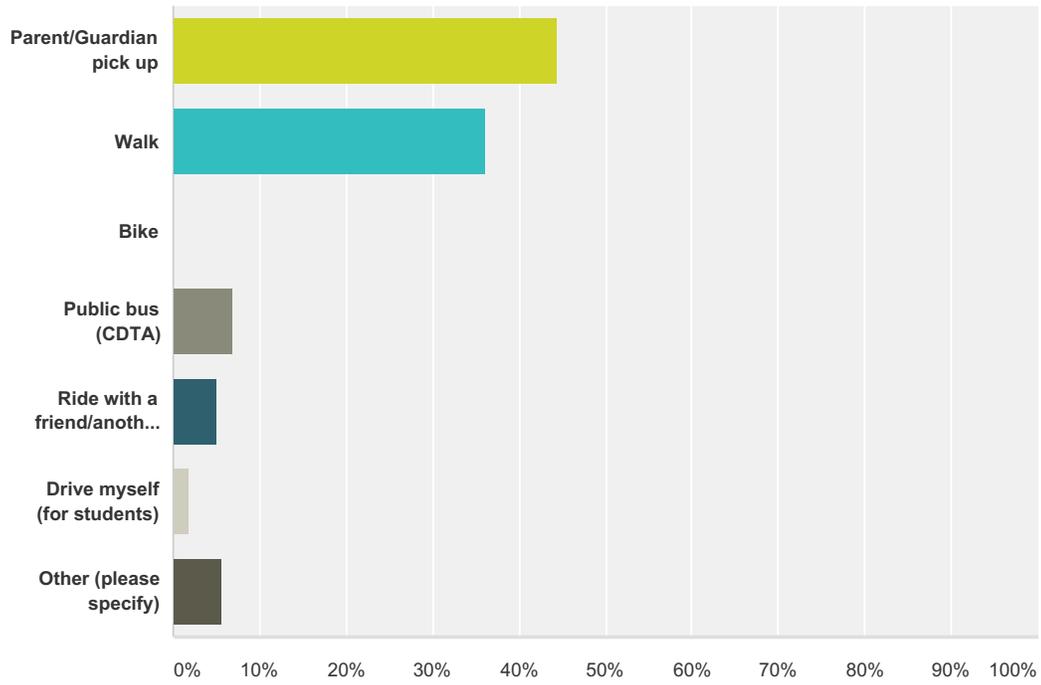
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Answer Choices	Responses
Parent/Guardian drop off	56.89% 194
Walk	25.22% 86
Bike	0.29% 1
Public bus (CDTA)	6.74% 23
Ride with a friend/another parent	2.35% 8
Drive myself (for students)	2.35% 8
Other (please specify)	6.16% 21
<b>Total</b>	<b>341</b>

### Q3 Most often, how do you/your children get home FROM school?

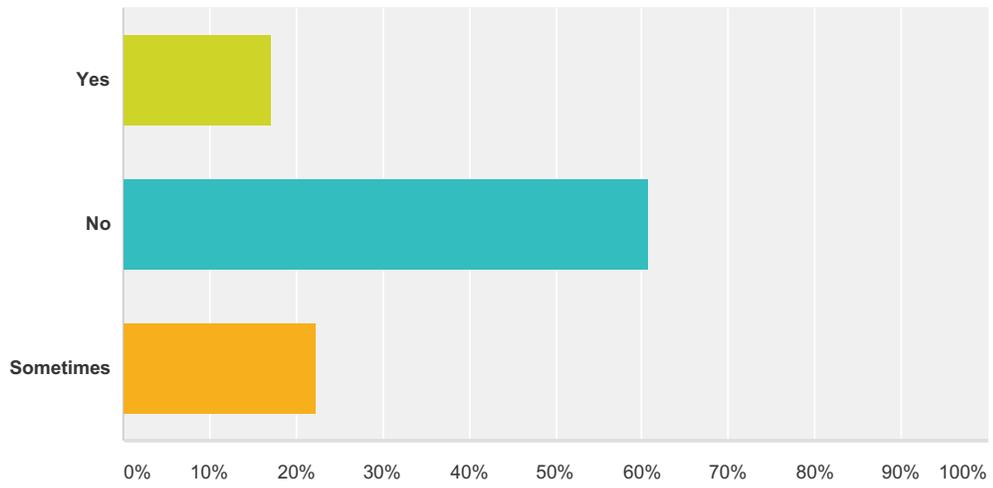
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Answer Choices	Responses
Parent/Guardian pick up	44.48% 149
Walk	36.12% 121
Bike	0.00% 0
Public bus (CDTA)	6.87% 23
Ride with a friend/another parent	5.07% 17
Drive myself (for students)	1.79% 6
Other (please specify)	5.67% 19
<b>Total</b>	<b>335</b>

### Q4 Do you/your children miss school because of transportation issues?

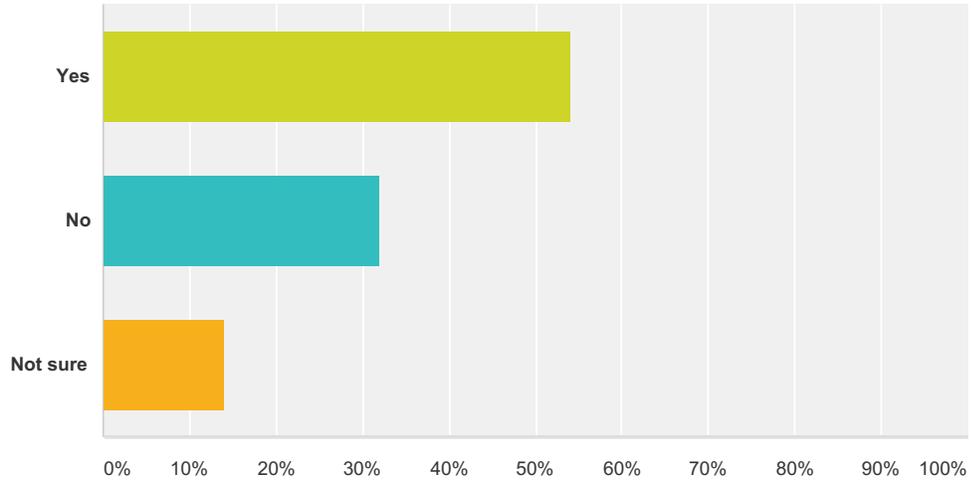
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	17.07%	56
No	60.67%	199
Sometimes	22.26%	73
<b>Total</b>		<b>328</b>

**Q5 If more CDTA bus routes were added in the City of Cohoes for students in grades 6-12, would you use the city bus to get to and from school on a regular basis?**

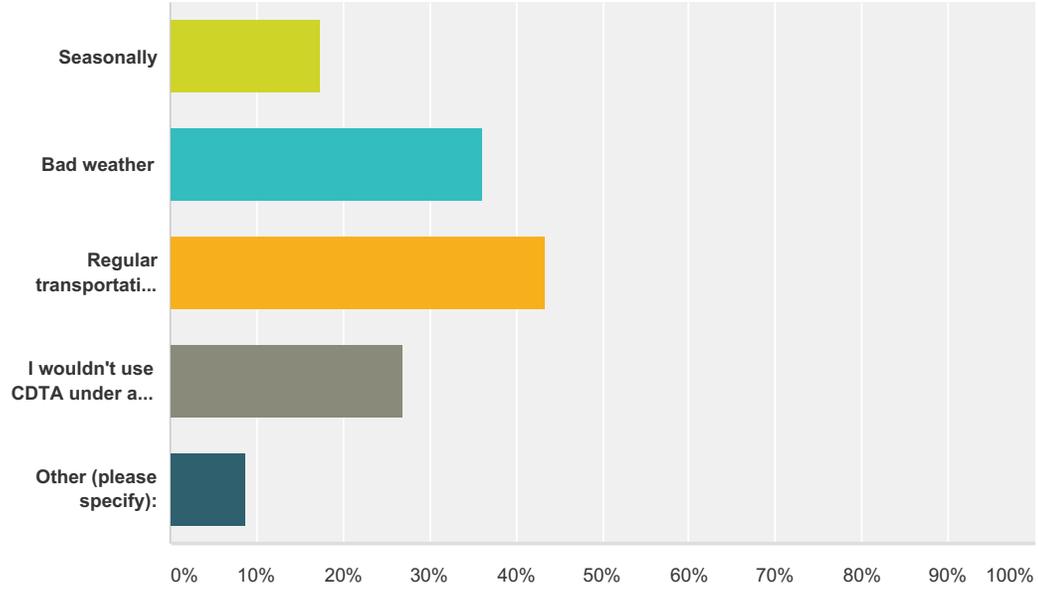
Answered: 331 Skipped: 167



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	54.08% 179
No	32.02% 106
Not sure	13.90% 46
<b>Total</b>	<b>331</b>

**Q6 If you/your child would not use CDTA regularly, under what circumstances would you/your child use CDTA transportation?**

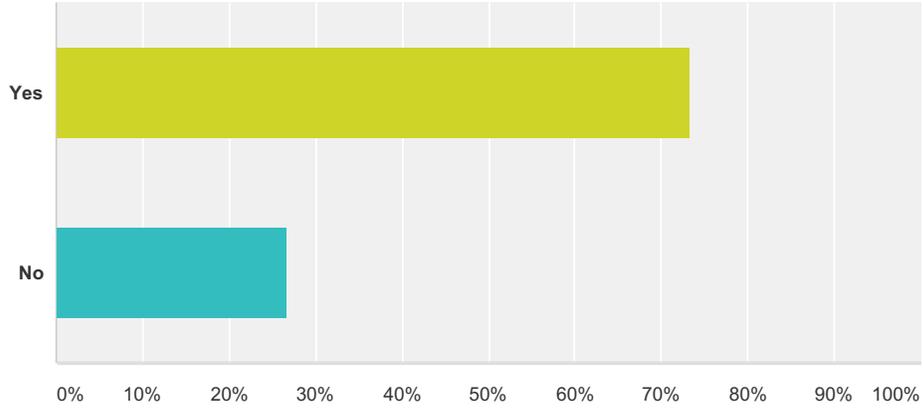
Answered: 272 Skipped: 226



Answer Choices	Responses
Seasonally	17.28% 47
Bad weather	36.03% 98
Regular transportation unavailable	43.38% 118
I wouldn't use CDTA under any circumstance	26.84% 73
Other (please specify):	8.82% 24
<b>Total Respondents: 272</b>	

**Q7 I would support the Cohoes City School District providing CDTA bus passes to all students in grades 6-12.**

Answered: 493 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	73.23%	361
No	26.77%	132
<b>Total</b>		<b>493</b>

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### Q8 Please provide any additional thoughts you have regarding transportation for students in the Cohoes City School District.

Answered: 210 Skipped: 288

#	Responses	Date
1	Is it possible to provide students with a card and get charges based on usage? There are students who would not need the cards and i hate to pay unnecessarily. I would want to see the expected effect on taxes prior to making a decision	4/6/2017 9:25 AM
2	Providing passes to students so they can take a bus doesn't mean they will still go to school. There next excuses will be "I missed the bus". I will not support this issue.	4/5/2017 3:30 PM
3	Some students for example children on the hill are too small to do the walks in bad weather that ae under grade 6. We do have multiple elementary schools but not all can do the walks expecially when they need to walk in the road with or with a parent or gaurdian. I am 69, diabled and walk great grandchild to school and back. They are long walks for both of us. he is a first grader. the cdta buses do not come to manor sites so we cannot use them. These passes should enable both a child and parent regardless of age to use them for that purpose	4/5/2017 2:44 PM
4	Why not place a paid guard at both Ontario and Bridge, 4 hours in the AM and 4 in the PM. All students do not leave the school at the same time so a bus would not really answer the problem.	4/5/2017 12:26 PM
5	There should be school buses for all students. The younger ones too. The schools day is not even a full 8 hours and is an inconvenience to working parents. Free afterschool programs should be an option since there are no school buses.	4/5/2017 11:55 AM
6	My children aren't personally effected by this but as a parent I would like to see safer options for our students who have to cross over 787 to get to school and I support giving bus passes.	4/5/2017 9:51 AM
7	If funding is necessary to pay for this transportation, I think the teacher's union benefits and salaries should be cut	4/5/2017 9:50 AM
8	school buses	4/4/2017 1:00 PM
9	This service or school bus service needs to be added for cohoes elementary students as well in Abram Lansing and Harmony Hills. Thanks.	4/4/2017 12:20 PM
10	I don't feel this will solve our school attendance issues.	4/1/2017 6:17 PM
11	I believe its bad and for the walkers that are far away and its hailing out these kids still have to walk.... Its sad cause bitter cold days my kids refuse to walk ... I don't fight them because they would be frostbit before they got to school...	4/1/2017 11:53 AM
12	Unnecessary tax expense that once implemented will never be revoked. There are other solutions. Don't get in bed with CDTA. The city would be better off hiring local residents As crossing guards and safety monitors. Also consider using our local police force They could assist in the safety monitoring and also allowing them to have a daily interaction with our young people, improving everyone's Standard of living by grooming our community as it becomes more close knit.	3/31/2017 8:05 PM
13	IF CDTA PASSES ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR SAFETY, WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE WHEN LITTLE JOHNNY OR JANE INJURE THEMSELVES WHILE RIDING THE BUSES.	3/31/2017 3:04 PM
14	As a resident who will have a school age child soon, feels Cohoes should invest in their own or contracted school bus transportation. That would allow access to all students, K-12 with safe transportation. I know the lack of school bus transportation is a big demotivator for families to move into Cohoes, when surrounding areas do.	3/30/2017 3:42 PM
15	I think the idea is great but for years we all had to walk to school in the cohoes school district and had not issues with attendance. We car pooled, walked together and at times had to take a bus when absolutely necessary but it did not stop us from attending school. Would rather take this 127,000 and put it toward an education program that will benefit all kids not just those who have to take the bus.,	3/30/2017 3:11 PM
16	Children need to put away the phones and ear buds and pay attention when walking.. they could also use the exercise!	3/30/2017 7:16 AM
17	This is a great idea. Many children do not attend school because of transportation issues especially on weather and half days	3/29/2017 10:08 PM

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18	I have lived in cohoes my entire life. When I was in the 6th grade I got hit by a car walking to school during a snowstorm. Other kids have been hit over the years and some even killed. This is a great idea and I am thankful to Mrs. Spring for pushing this plan. It is a long time overdo. But I don't think the people who live on the hill will allow it to pass. Their kids don't have to walk through rain and snow or if they do it isn't that far. They don't care how many of us and our kids get hit. That's just the way it has always been in Cohoes and always will be.	3/29/2017 8:32 PM
19	any student who has to cross 787 should have this transportation option. Crossing guards are only there during school hours	3/29/2017 6:04 PM
20	I walked to school most of my 6-12 grade years without any significant issues...many times socializing during the walks	3/29/2017 4:47 PM
21	It is a necessity for their safety	3/29/2017 3:56 PM
22	Unnecessary in this small city	3/29/2017 11:58 AM
23	Can you confirm no drug dealers or sexually predators will be on the bus	3/29/2017 10:56 AM
24	This is long overdue. It seems simple to run routes up Manor Ave, Vliet St, and Columbia St at a minimum that could pick up students.	3/29/2017 9:11 AM
25	Cohoes has never had transportation my children never had that privilege. Just keep adding more and more to the poor tax payers of cohoes. Can't take much more of this. We never had bussing and I don't think it should start now.	3/29/2017 8:44 AM
26	Walking is good for them. My kids walked or we drove them.	3/29/2017 8:10 AM
27	Something has to be done to help reduce traffic in school areas. Safe delivery of children may reduce snow days need. Too many children crossing streets in inappropriate areas now. A good chance of children being hit by drivers dropping off there children. It would reduce speeding in school zones that goes on every day. School zone speed limits not enforced now. It would help reduce groups of children congregating on city streets and private property sometimes causing problems.	3/29/2017 7:01 AM
28	Would the buses run on different times? I.e. High school is earlier than middle and elementary school.	3/28/2017 6:29 PM
29	This would be a wonderful asset to the city for those who aren't fortunate, like myself to work nights and be able to transport my kids. I'd rather see kids on buses then walking in unsafe conditions	3/28/2017 5:23 PM
30	What routing software is required by the school district? If this plan were undertaken, CDTA would develop the routes and the children would board the bus that stops near their location. Also would the passes be deactivated when the children are not in session, if not why is this cost being placed upon taxpayers?	3/28/2017 4:55 PM
31	I think this is a good idea but it needs some tweaking I see way too many children that are extremely young Elementary school-age walking unassisted alone in bad weather this to me is my biggest concern I think if we are going to have a transportation plan we need to have it for all	3/28/2017 11:50 AM
32	I think parents would need to be informed about bus routes and more bus stops would need to be figured into this proposal as well.	3/28/2017 11:40 AM
33	A shuttle from the middle and high schools to the elementary schools would also help students get across town on time and reliably. I don't see a problem with walking or drop off to the nearest elementary school. More so with the longer walk across 787 .	3/28/2017 11:19 AM
34	I think this is a great idea. The kids who live far from school deserve to have transportation provided by the school district. It is unfair to the students and the parent guardians who can not provide them with transportation for whatever reasons.	3/28/2017 11:07 AM
35	I would also like to see something in place for our elementary students. I see many young children walking from/to school by themselves. It is a safety risk on many levels.	3/28/2017 10:40 AM
36	The problem is 787 crossing. Coordinating with CDTA for routes or families securing private transportation seems reasonable but taxpayers don 't need to pay. We all dealt with the transportation issues in the past as our own responsibility	3/28/2017 6:54 AM
37	I agree with this proposal whole heartedly. I also think a safer crosswalk across Colombia street from the high schools back exit should be considered. I have a child who will be using this crosswalk and it baffles me how many cars do not yield to pedestrians and speed right through the crosswalk making it very scary. As a mother, I tend to worry about things I see as dangerous before something bad happens and this always concern me.	3/28/2017 12:15 AM
38	Will there be more routes added for those students who have early classes or after-school activities?	3/27/2017 11:50 PM

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39	I don't mind the idea, though the city should already provide bus service from areas like Van Schiak Island anyway. I wonder how they have gotten away with not providing transportation for so long. It won't impact my taxes that much, and safety is important; so I don't mind the idea. CDTA already has established routes in the city, but those routes only cover certain main roads in the city. If this service is offered in Cohoes, how will it be accessible to more/all students, who live away from the main roads CDTA already serves? If you're offering the service to some students in the city, it should be offered to all students that live more than a half mile or mile from the school and need a safe way to get to school. The difficult part will be figuring out how to provide the service so that it is more accessible to the masses. I don't see CDTA buses coming down some of the side streets, but maybe... If CDTA service is expanded for students, will residents be able to use the additional bus service too? If so, how do we keep the students safe? There are many issues to consider here.	3/27/2017 10:26 PM
40	With 787 it is too dangerous for island kids to walk to school and too cold	3/27/2017 4:48 PM
41	The city is only 2 miles wide. Any bus transportation should be approved by the tax payers.	3/27/2017 4:13 PM
42	IT'S ABOUT TIME!!!!	3/27/2017 3:47 PM
43	We should not increase taxes or take from other programs to provide transportation that is a parents responsibility	3/27/2017 2:35 PM
44	This is a great way to help familys in cohoes.	3/27/2017 2:15 PM
45	i had my kids go there,i was single parents, it was hard for me to get the money up for 2 bus passes each month was 104.00 a month, it was hard, glad they are doing something. some people can't afford it,glad there doing something now,wish did something few years ago	3/27/2017 1:52 PM
46	THIS IS THE MAIN REASON I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT BUYING OUT HOUSE IN COHOES....WE ARE WAY ON THE HILL BY GUPTILS WHEN COHOES REALLY STARTS. WHAT IF I AM NOT ABLE TO BRING MY KIDS TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY? THEY WALK FROM GUPTILS? COHOES NEEDS TO GET BUSES. NOT JUST CDTA PASSES.	3/27/2017 1:46 PM
47	I believe my parents told me that Cohoes used to do this in the past actually...	3/27/2017 12:42 PM
48	When it snows many people go days or even never clear their sidewalk. It isn't safe for kids to walk on snowy roads to get to school. Either sidewalk clearing needs to be mandatory or we need to provide another safe path to school.	3/27/2017 12:11 PM
49	When I attended the high school less than a decade ago, many of my friends who had to walk to school lived on the island, and after school, when we would walk to their houses, crossing the highway was a nightmare. It always made me extremely nervous and I hated doing it. Hearing recent graduates talk about it now, it really doesn't seem to have improved. So long as a bus stop is placed down on the island that the kids can easily access, this could be an incredible way to get them safely to school, but also, as stated, to jobs and internships. Completely support this idea!	3/27/2017 12:05 PM
50	I believe this would help reduce safety risk while crossing busy streets. I also believe it will change the rate of tardiness and absentees at both schools.	3/27/2017 11:45 AM
51	I live near the high school and often see students walking in the road, especially this time of year when sidewalks aren't always cleared. A bus pass would help alleviate this. Alternatively, the city should enforce any law that requires homeowners to keep their sidewalks shoveled.	3/27/2017 11:44 AM
52	As an alumnae of Cohoes I fully support this idea because too many students miss out on opportunities because they don't have the ability to get to them.	3/27/2017 11:32 AM
53	This is a great idea!	3/27/2017 11:31 AM
54	Taxes taxes taxes	3/27/2017 11:24 AM
55	I think it's a great idea, to help those parents that may have to get to work earlier than school start time. As well as for those kids who's parents don't have a car. I think it will help with tardiness, and absenteeism.	3/27/2017 7:47 AM
56	Yes I would support this as a temporary solution to a more permanent way for pedestrians to by pass 787 intersections. My Son was killed on Dec 5th 2001 at that very intersection that the latest child was. My wife and I have been Fighting the good fight for something to be done for more than a decade.	3/27/2017 7:46 AM
57	when the weather is bad maybe a school bus . One on the island, one manor ave and one saratoga st.one bus at each stop and kids can catch it if they want a ride. its not the ride they need its an alarm clock or parents who get them here on time. Our taxes going up or city buses is not going to solve the problem of lateness. it will just bring more excuses like i missed the bus and next one doesn't come for another hour. One bus one time if you miss it u walk.	3/27/2017 7:13 AM
58	There's so many reasons why bus passes need to be provided.1 weather conditions 2 Absences due to weather conditions.3 located up hills so you need to healthy to walk that hill what about the children with underlying health issues.4 its 2017 and CDTA needs to help us with this situation and take are children's lives into consideration A couple lives already lost please no more help and can we please get a discount	3/27/2017 4:19 AM

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59	Definitely think if students who usually walk to school were provided with CDTA bus passes, there would be less absences in school. Especially during the winter.	3/26/2017 11:18 PM
60	Most students in the middle and high school have to walk to school. If the schools gave us bus passes, most of the kids wouldn't walk when the weather was bad & it would be easier for the students who live on the island to get to school.	3/26/2017 6:16 PM
61	I do not see every child using this service. I think it will be a waist to hand out passes to ALL children. Children are still gonna miss school and use transportation as an excuse. I see a lot of money being waisted with this idea. I think a couple CDTA Shuttle Busses from a few points around the city would be better and the kids would just need their School ID to get on. That way there would not be @ 960 Bus Cards sitting around not being used and would save waisted money. Also during the warmer months alot of kids dont really mind walking either to or from school. The CDTA idea could work with some kind of control, But I see a lot of wasted money that I dont want to pay for with a Tax Increase...	3/26/2017 2:23 PM
62	I feel that cohoes should have always had a transportation system in place. I've crossed 787 thousands of times and you always had to worry about people turning onto 787, and if people on 787 were going to slow down or stop in time for you to cross without getting hit. My friend died crossing 787 last year on her way home from school. Had she had transportation by a bus, she would still be alive today. I feel its wrong to have children of any age cross 787, i don't care if you're 10 or 18, you should not have to cross 787 to go to school.	3/26/2017 2:17 PM
63	I think it would be a great idea as cohoes is the only place I lived that doesn't provide free transportation to school for children of parents that do not have their own transportation .	3/26/2017 1:37 PM
64	Parents should be responsible just like I was in getting my children to and from school, and also my children were in many after school sports which we as parents saw to getting them to and from , our taxes don't need to go up any more!	3/26/2017 12:58 PM
65	There should be school bussing for kids living more the 1 mile from schools	3/26/2017 11:03 AM
66	We should NOT do this. How are these parents and kids going to learn responsibility if everything is always handed to them? They get free lunch and breakfast at the elementary level. Someone has to pay for all of this "free" stuff, and it's not fair that hard working taxpayers have to give their money to people who keep taking, taking, taking. People get into a mentality that everything will get handed to them, they get dependent on government and have no accountability for themselves. It's got to stop!!!	3/26/2017 10:03 AM
67	I feel this would allow safer travels for students especially during the winter season. I also feel it would allow for safer travel if the buses would make a designated stop on the island so our children would not have to cross 787.	3/26/2017 12:11 AM
68	Cost to residents?	3/25/2017 11:31 PM
69	I have no problem with busing children who live on the far side of 787 but not every middle and high school child. Taxes will raised and the taxpayers will shoulder the burden.	3/25/2017 10:57 PM
70	It would be safer. Unlike walking. Because of the weather or stranger danger	3/25/2017 8:23 PM
71	WHAT ARE THE YOUNGER KIDS? THE FACT THEY ARE IGNORED IS RIDICULOUS? THERE'S SO MANY TRAFFIC ISSUES BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO PICK UP KIDS. JUST PAY FOR BUSES (SCHOOL BUSES) FOR THE YOUNGER KIDS.	3/25/2017 8:01 PM
72	How about we teach kids how to cross a road and what crossing guards are for. If parents want them on buses they should pay for it themselves	3/25/2017 2:57 PM
73	School taxes are high enough...no more!!	3/25/2017 2:55 PM
74	It is important that all the kids in the school district have a reliable way to school. It is important that they are dry and comfortable during class.	3/25/2017 2:02 PM
75	Right now my kids are at the middle school and we live very close. However I think this is a fabulous idea for kids who live further away from the middle school and high school. I think it's especially important for kids on the island so they don't have to cross 787	3/25/2017 1:29 PM
76	Hopefully the extra transportation will decrease the students who are chronically late or absent from school. The student shouldn't be punished that they are not in school if their parent or guardian are not able or willing to transport them there.	3/25/2017 12:37 PM
77	I don't think it would be a good idea to just hand bus passes out to all students. I feel it should be parents decision whether their child is handed a bus pass. If Cohoes does get this granted to them, hopefully the bus passes are laminated so they don't wear out fast.	3/25/2017 8:29 AM
78	See above	3/24/2017 3:14 PM

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79	We by law do not have to bus our students due to the mileage that they kids have to commute. I had to walk to school and back as a very young child. Why is this different now? Why do all of us hardworking responsible citizens who had the same burden have to pay to transport children to school, work, etc. What's next? We give them free college, cars, houses????? Please stop enabling people and let them get out and step up and find their own way in life. I'm all for helping people who need help but not enabling people to expect everything in life should be free and easy. Maybe we should only give bus passes to those who can receive it based on their economic status-the people who would get the aid that is already in existence. Please do not burden the local taxpayer further with this optional expense.	3/24/2017 9:39 AM
80	This would be a great idea. I wish they introduced this sooner.	3/24/2017 9:38 AM
81	Sidewalks weren't promptly cleared after the recent snow storm and I saw many children walking in the street. Huge snow piles makes it hard for motorists to see them. Perhaps busing for elementary schools could be considered also.	3/24/2017 8:12 AM
82	I think this is a good idea to save money but things need to be worked out. I am afraid students would be riding the bus with unknown adults that could pose a danger. The bus driver is not familiar with transporting children and may not be properly background checked. Any issues on the bus (fighting, harassment, theft etc) will have to be dealt with by the school district or cda? Too many variables	3/24/2017 8:05 AM
83	I feel that this would be a lot useful to students in younger grade pre k and up high schoolers and middle are perfectly capable of getting there selfs to school it's the elementary students I don't feel that should have to walk expecially not in terrible freezing weather I feel this would be very affective and useful to all students not just 6 through 12 thank you for ur time .	3/24/2017 6:35 AM
84	I think the school should do its own transportation.	3/24/2017 12:41 AM
85	This is long overdue for the students in Cohoes. Walking to school can be very dangerous when it snows and the sidewalks are not clear or in the case of my grandson living on the island and having to cross 787.	3/23/2017 10:12 PM
86	I think this would be a great way to ensure our kids get to school safely and in the process help reduce traffic congestion.	3/23/2017 10:00 PM
87	Most children walk to school having to cross 787 and other major roads. I often do not send my kids due to bad weather. My kids have to walk home and i fear every day of them crossing the highway. I support the CTDA transportation	3/23/2017 8:57 PM
88	As high as our taxes are and the fact that our children have to cross 787 to get to school - buses should not even be an issue.	3/23/2017 8:46 PM
89	They should get the program going again when I was in school they had a bus token program and it safely got the kids to where they needed to get safely without having to cross the 787 to their home	3/23/2017 8:31 PM
90	Bus schd. needs to coincide with school start times. right now there is "no" bus schd. available when school has a delay (last bus route 7:50am)	3/23/2017 8:29 PM
91	If the district has that much money to spend I am sure it could be better spent on let's see how about a second secretary in the main office of the middle school so that when someone calls they actually get to speak with someone. This includes teachers within the building trying to get a hold of school personnel. Or how about another guidance counselor so that each grade level is fairly served and both our teachers and students are supported properly. This is to just name a few of ways this sum of money would be better spent and our students and teachers would be better served.	3/23/2017 6:20 PM
92	Please busses please!	3/23/2017 5:17 PM
93	Something has to be done to make it safe for kids to go to school	3/23/2017 5:16 PM
94	I am an alumni of Cohoes High School and I remember my friends who lived on the Island struggle to get to school on time. Cohoes needs to start supporting all of its students. Transportation is just scratching the surface.	3/23/2017 4:57 PM
95	Not many families can afford the current \$3.00 per day to send their children to school especially if they have more than one child using public transportation.This leaves kids to unsafely walk to and from school or to miss school especially during school delays and inclement weather.	3/23/2017 4:40 PM
96	Great idea ! Teaching kids at a young age that public transportation is a good thing can transform our thinking about public transportation in the long run	3/23/2017 3:50 PM
97	Cohoes is far too divided of a city (787 running right through it) to not have transportation for the children coming from and going to school. I see children all the time walking across 787 without pushing the crosswalk buttons and it is scary to think that another teenager/child could end up dead in the middle of the road because they have to walk home from and to school.	3/23/2017 3:19 PM
98	Long overdue. All childten should be bussed to school K through 12.	3/23/2017 2:43 PM

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99	School buses for all children in all grade levels is a must we should have had this in place years ago enough taxes are paid and most of all grade levels extra curricular activities and intermural sports have already been cut. It's time.	3/23/2017 2:32 PM
100	I personally would not be comfortable putting my 6th grader on a city bus that makes multiple stops & has regular bus travelers on it as well. I also do not like the idea that the driver is not dropping off at homes but only at regular bus stops. I don't think this should be the solution to providing transportation to and from school. We pay very high school taxes & should have school buses for transportation that is safe, school kids only & pick up and drop off at students residence. I applaud you for atleast looking at this issue and trying to come up with a plan.	3/23/2017 2:25 PM
101	Have you performed a study on the cost to provide daily school bus transportation vs, the \$127,500 charge for CDTA?	3/23/2017 2:22 PM
102	Great idea	3/23/2017 2:15 PM
103	I personally think this is a great idea because there are lots of kids that live on the island of Cohoes and they don't always have a ride and that results in walking and too walk from the island to the high school or the middle school is quite a walk. So this would help a lot of students	3/23/2017 2:12 PM
104	Use crossing guard by 787 let them still walk.	3/23/2017 2:10 PM
105	Bus schedules should go home to the parents too so we know if the buses will go to our areas	3/23/2017 1:40 PM
106	I think it also should include elementary students as well. Especially cold and bad weather.	3/23/2017 1:12 PM
107	Some school districts in the area, with busing, are paying less in school taxes than Cohoes . The concern is the impact on homeowners.	3/23/2017 1:08 PM
108	Find out how many students actually ride the CDTA bus to school, and maybe help them out with a bus pass. There are a lot of children along with their parents who would just abuse this kind of priviledge. Give people a hand up in hard times, not a hand out.	3/23/2017 12:42 PM
109	This will not increase attendance the kids that go to school and the parents that support the district kids attend no matter how they get there. It is just another waste of taxpayer money in Cohoes. it should be put up for vote with the budget vote let the residents decide not just sending the survey to parents who children are attending school in the district .	3/23/2017 12:32 PM
110	787 is not safe for children to be crossing and should be provided free safe transportation to and from school. Also, it would be helpfull to have the CDTA add additional routes. If there's a hour or 2 hour delay, or if kids are running late they have no other form of transportation to get ti school.	3/23/2017 12:11 PM
111	We are and always have been a walking school district. Walking to school is a healthy way to get exercise for all our students. It provides opportunities for students to build and nurture relationships with peers. It helps them to learn to be responsible citizens and to follow the rules of crossing streets. I do not feel that the tax payers should have to pay for this expense when children can simply walk!	3/23/2017 11:52 AM
112	Parents should be able to provide safe transportation for their children, not taxpayers.	3/23/2017 11:51 AM
113	Cohoes should have thought about busing their students years ago! I highly believe that Cohoes needs to get busing for the children that live in the entire City ! I am a 2011 graduate of CHS and now own my home in Cohoes. There were plenty of days where the weather would keep me from walking to school in the morning if I couldn't get a ride with a friend !!! GET BUSING FOR YOUR SCHOOLS COHOES!!!	3/23/2017 11:48 AM
114	Buy 2 busses specifically for transport from the island up through the city. Over the long run this is more efficient than the yearly cost of the passes	3/23/2017 11:47 AM
115	I would support this if it was available to ALL students. I do not support a school tax increase to provide this service.	3/23/2017 11:32 AM
116	If the card is paid for by tax payers and then not used, the parents should be responsible for reimbursement.	3/23/2017 11:30 AM
117	we pay too much in school in school taxes now	3/23/2017 11:14 AM
118	It would be a expense we wouldny have to add to our budget most counties have school buses on bad weather days to school usual remains open we feel due to parents providing transportation and our taxes are one the highest counties our community deserves buses it's about time	3/23/2017 11:10 AM
119	I think CDTA bus passes are costly and I'm wondering if purchasing buses would be more cost effective in the long run.	3/23/2017 11:04 AM
120	Doesn't look an effective way of transportation to me but thanks	3/23/2017 10:56 AM
121	As I stated in #7 I feel the district should have school buses like other districts. This may increase taxes, but it would benefit parents who adjust their work schedules to get their children to and from school each day. To offer the CDTA to just certain families who live a specific distance away is discriminatory. I may live closer then someone else, but for whatever reason I might want my child to ride the bus instead of walking.	3/23/2017 10:56 AM

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122	I think it's a great idea because you see students and their parents having to walk to and from school in all kinds of bad weather. Also, there is so much traffic going on during school days. Students would be so much safer and less worry for everyone.	3/23/2017 10:56 AM
123	Do not use my hard earned tax dollars to provide yet another handout for people who made a choice to not contribute to the betterment of our society.	3/23/2017 10:56 AM
124	Maybe we should get actually school buses, many kids would actually go to school and not complain about having to walk in the snow. Which students will have less snow days if the kids could just take a school bus and not walk. I would rather a school bus than a city bus because parents are scared of their children traveling alone in a bus with strangers.	3/23/2017 10:52 AM
125	Not all students should get them. Only students coming from far away. Look into the details of the students to see who is already taking the bus.	3/23/2017 10:51 AM
126	I attended CHS and lived a few blocks from school. I would get a ride to school 95% of the time because it was faster and easier. I would not have taken a bus because there would not be one going from Vliet st to the high school. I still support providing bus service because I would have used it after school.	3/23/2017 10:22 AM
127	My husband AND I met at Cohoes High School 20 years ago. And we didn't have busses then either. I think that this bus issue is very long overdue.	3/23/2017 9:51 AM
128	I believe our transportation is a safety issue in many areas, especially when sidewalks aren't cleared for students to use. I also think it may increase attendance for those who typically have to walk.	3/23/2017 9:16 AM
129	Very forward thinking by the district...	3/23/2017 9:11 AM
130	To costly to the taxpayer.	3/23/2017 8:48 AM
131	I have lived in Cohoes my whole life and when I went to school was one of those kids that was late or didn't go because it was cold or raining or snowing. I can't believe it is 40 years later and we still don't have buses for our students. It's about time we did this.	3/23/2017 8:29 AM
132	I am a single mother of two children in Cohoes school and we recently moved here. I didn't know when we moved that there were no buses. Because of my job, I cannot drive my kids to school or pick them up. They have to walk every day, even when it is raining or snowing. If they don't take a change of clothes they have to sit in their wet clothes all day. Cohoes needs buses!	3/23/2017 8:26 AM
133	I am a single mother with one boy in the middle school. I must rely on another family to get him to school and sometimes they are late (or don't go to school themselves) and my son is affected. Having a bus pass would allow him to be on time to school every day.	3/23/2017 8:03 AM
134	This is a great opportunity for youth to build life skills, manage their time and accountability.	3/23/2017 7:56 AM
135	Ridiculous idea.	3/23/2017 7:45 AM
136	I think it's a wonderful idea. It would take the pressure of the parents on figuring out mainly how their kids are going to get home after school because most are still at work.	3/23/2017 6:58 AM
137	I have lived in Cohoes for a long time and have never understood why we don't have busing. Everybody I talk to says it because that's just the way it has always been. My kids need a reliable way to get to school. Who would want to walk to school in the pouring rain or snow and then have to spend the day cold waiting for your clothes to dry out. Plus I am always afraid my kids are going to get hit crossing 787 or even walking Columbia Street. People drive so fast. Having busing is a long overdue idea and the School Board needs to pass this. I am a taxpayer and would vote for this!	3/23/2017 6:56 AM
138	I think our children need a safe way to get to and from school. I support this discussion.	3/23/2017 6:48 AM
139	I think this is a great idea. Our students would be safer. It could also potentially increase attendance. It would also reduce some morning traffic.	3/23/2017 6:30 AM
140	As long as they are not taking the normal school bus drivers jobs.	3/23/2017 2:21 AM
141	Children have been killed crossing 787. Now you want to put responsibilities on cda instead of providing school bussing. Selling my house and going to a city/ town that will provide safe transportation	3/23/2017 1:57 AM
142	Do it! Initially it will be challenging but long term it's SOLID.	3/22/2017 11:44 PM
143	Bus service for Cohoes city kids is long overdue. Much safer & good during bad weather.	3/22/2017 11:26 PM
144	Much safer especially when sidewalks aren't plowed and better than having children crossing 787	3/22/2017 11:16 PM
145	I do not think tax payers should have to pay for bus passes, Under privilege children I think their parents should buy this for them, but pay less!	3/22/2017 10:18 PM

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146	I think this is a great idea. i have an older child that had no idea how to use a bus after he graduated from high school and relied on others (Family and friends, even taxis) to drive him to work. The knowledge gained from taking a city bus on a regular basis is priceless and helps to provide some independence to some of these kids	3/22/2017 10:02 PM
147	I think any child whether in Middle School, High School or grammar school, traveling from the Island section of the City should have a pass, if they have to cross Route 787.	3/22/2017 9:46 PM
148	A raise for that bus driver for having to deal with all those disrespect kids.	3/22/2017 9:22 PM
149	I have gotten my kids and now my grandkids to school without bussing. It's the parents responsibility to get their child to school and if they want CDTA bussing they should pay for it, not through raising taxes.	3/22/2017 9:15 PM
150	It's about time.	3/22/2017 9:10 PM
151	Please contact me for additional national statics for safe Student Transportation Facts..... joe.scesny@gmail.com or call 845-863-6918 .... Cohoes resident	3/22/2017 8:57 PM
152	This is what us parents have been wanting. My son walks to school in all weather rain snow freezing cold it doesnt matter he still walks. I also worry about my son cause there are crazy ppl out there . This new transportation would be wonderful and a big help for our children that live and go to school in cohoes	3/22/2017 8:44 PM
153	I think it's a great idea to provide transportation for those students who need it. Especially if it is affecting their attendance in school. I just question whether we need to provide that option for all students or just those who will actually use the resource	3/22/2017 8:05 PM
154	I wouldn't normally volunteer for a tax increase, but I'm willing to pay my share if the kids don't have to walk across 787.	3/22/2017 8:03 PM
155	Survey lacks information to make a truly educated choice. Opens big can of worms. Cost to implement and monitor will become a District burden.	3/22/2017 8:02 PM
156	\$1.50 each way is very costly	3/22/2017 7:57 PM
157	I Think This Would Be Very Useful For The Children In Many Aspects Including Teaching Them The Responsibility Of Getting To School, Work Etc On Time... How To Use The Public Transit When Needed As Well As A Safe Way To Get To School && Home	3/22/2017 7:47 PM
158	School taxes are very high and should not be funded by property tax	3/22/2017 7:42 PM
159	Great idea!	3/22/2017 7:35 PM
160	Would like to know why this is not being offered to all students (K-12). More information would be appreciated.	3/22/2017 7:29 PM
161	ITS ABOUT TIME !!!!!	3/22/2017 7:26 PM
162	This is wrong and the should not be subjected to public transportation. How are you gonna know if your child is safe on a public bus. School buses are to protect are children.	3/22/2017 7:24 PM
163	Please go forward with busing. I have a younger brother in the school district and busing is a big pro for cohoes.	3/22/2017 7:22 PM
164	So often we see these kids walking in the snow rain and cold temperatures it's sad	3/22/2017 7:20 PM
165	It's disgraceful that Cohoes provides no transportation for students !	3/22/2017 7:19 PM
166	Wonderful idea. Would love to see this extended to elementary as well.	3/22/2017 7:13 PM
167	I think school district busses would/should be the next proposal if this doesn't work out. I do love seeing the city thinking about building independence and initiative through public supports and learning how to travel on their own.	3/22/2017 7:10 PM
168	I think all the schools should have buses. Many parents in cohoes work early or do not have cars or have children in different schools. A safe, planned route would be an incredible option.	3/22/2017 7:08 PM
169	Born and raised in Cohoes..my kids went to school there and grandson..never understood why there was never buses in the city???	3/22/2017 6:56 PM
170	I hope that home owners aren't fitting the bill for any of this.	3/22/2017 6:52 PM
171	I went to cohoes schools. It was just another burden on my parents to pay for the bus every day. I lived on and still do the cohoes island. I now bring my son back and forth to school every day.	3/22/2017 6:39 PM
172	I was a student in Schenectady, and cdta was the busing system during the 70's, you could purchase tokens at school to ride the bus	3/22/2017 6:31 PM

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173	This issue is very important to me as a single parent of two kids (middle school and high school). It would cause less stress as I would know they have a way to and from school every day. Plus my son has talked about getting a part time job to help out with bills but he has no way to get anywhere. Please pass this!!	3/22/2017 6:22 PM
174	I see many children walking too and from school in cold ,rain dsyd or snowy days Many sidewalks are not shoveled in the winter	3/22/2017 6:22 PM
175	Parents should have the option to pay a minimal fee. The district should not have to cover all the cost.	3/22/2017 6:14 PM
176	There needs to be some type of transportation for the elementary schools as well. It's dangerous to see young kids as young as president k and kindergartens walking the streets on their own with no adult.	3/22/2017 6:04 PM
177	I think this is great the kids should not have to walk I live 1.7 miles away from the schools and think this is an awesome idea	3/22/2017 5:50 PM
178	I would continue to drive my kids to school instead of using the CDTA bus to transport them, however, I feel that this is a good alternative for kids who have to walk to school from long distances, during unbearable weather, or having to cross 787.	3/22/2017 5:36 PM
179	My grandson who attends the high school is driven every morning my son or husband. He does sometime walks home but we really don't think it is safe to cross 787.	3/22/2017 5:36 PM
180	They need to find a safe way to transport these children instead of just expecting them to get to school in horrible cold wet and snowy weather	3/22/2017 5:25 PM
181	IF this is done, CDTA needs to increase the number of shelters at stops. The children who take the bus now often have to wait in inclement weather for the bus, and that leads to them getting sick.	3/22/2017 5:08 PM
182	Great idea and long overdue!!	3/22/2017 5:00 PM
183	Utilizing CDTA to provide student transportation seems like a cost effective and logistically manageable means of providing students with safe reliable transportation vs. always walking or requiring parental/guardian transportation. It should also ease traffic congestion during drop off and pick up times.	3/22/2017 4:38 PM
184	I think this idea should be going to Troy students as well. Bc I go to Troy high school which I take the CDTA bus in the afternoons and I only ride half fare.	3/22/2017 4:33 PM
185	It's a safety issue, some kids have to cross 787.	3/22/2017 4:23 PM
186	I am happy to see this as so many children that live across 787 on the island I see walk everyday and even with the crosswalk signs installed I still see it being a safety issue. drivers don't obey the laws and children should not have to cross a highway like that to get to school everyday to and from.	3/22/2017 3:59 PM
187	This proposal is the first step to requiring a Transportation item line in the Budget. Our School Taxes will increase considerably. It is, and has been, the responsibility of the parents to make sure their kids get to school. Providing bus passes would be a waste of taxpayer dollars if they are not used. Would the District receive a refund for the unused passes? What cuts in the Budget are proposed to offset this increased cost? It is my understanding that CDTA will be asking for a 5 year contract for future years. Can you really make a final determination after a 1 year trial run? I don't think so. First year results are not a true indication of future results.	3/22/2017 3:57 PM
188	I think its a great idea and we would certainly utilize the bus service!!	3/22/2017 3:55 PM
189	There are a lot of children in this community who can't get to school on a consistent basis. I support this effort to economically get more kids to school.	3/22/2017 3:40 PM
190	Would support it if it were less expensive - cost seems too high for 50 students - is that the best price CDTA has to offer?	3/22/2017 3:36 PM
191	I grew up in Albany and from middle through High school I had a school issued bus pass. It was long before swipe passes existed. I see no reason why students in Cohoes can't take city buses. It would be a good experience for them.	3/22/2017 3:34 PM
192	Bussing should be provided at a minimum to those that live on Van Schaick Island so they don't have to cross 787.	3/22/2017 3:14 PM
193	I see numerous elementary students walking by themselves to school - why isn't this being addressed ? This program is extremely expensive and will be abused.	3/22/2017 3:08 PM
194	This is GREAT. Hope it passes	3/22/2017 2:58 PM

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195	I am a Van Schaick Island parent of a high school student, who is also an athlete, and I have been supportive of the CDTA program for 5 years now. I drive to Albany to purchase CDTA swipers to avoid my child having to face the dangers of crossing over 787 on a regular basis coming to and from school. The issue that I am dealing with and have been for quite some time now is the fact that there isn't a CDTA bus that comes onto the island after 3pm. My son is an athlete and has after school practice everyday. If my son needs to stay after school to get extra help or participate in after school activities, he would have to walk home or get a ride because the 182 doesn't come onto the island. He has to get off at Columbia and Main and walk the rest of the way. Is there a way to schedule a "sports shuttle" that could follow the same route as the morning shuttle and that bring students over to the Island once a day to avoid them crossing 787 at a dangerously high traffic time of day or add a "special" to the 182 that would involve a loop of the island after 5pm??	3/22/2017 2:54 PM
196	Great idea!	3/22/2017 2:47 PM
197	Since we have no school buses it's better than having them walk from the Island enduring all types of weather	3/22/2017 2:37 PM
198	This is a great idea. I wish this were thought of sooner, as I have already had a child graduate from the Cohoes District and utilized the CDTA bus from middle school on. This may also be helpful for my sophomore student now in the fact that he may venture to other parts of the city, especially if he is working locally.	3/22/2017 2:34 PM
199	Adjusting times for pickup. Perhaps consider a later run time for students that have to stay after for after school activities.	3/22/2017 2:31 PM
200	I would be interested to see an estimate of CDTA cost vs purchasing a school bus (or two) to provide children safe rides to and from school. Also, building a bridge over 787 may be a high cost but in the long run it would be more beneficial than tax payers shelling out higher taxes for something that they will not benefit from. It would take ALOT of convincing and ALOT of corresponding and proven documentation for me to be on board with such an idea.	3/22/2017 2:10 PM
201	The district hasn't used this in previous years so I am not sure now why it is necessary now. I think it would be too expensive for the district.	3/22/2017 2:03 PM
202	This is a great idea. However, it needs to be flexible with delayed openings, early release, senior release (not all seniors drive), Regents exams and after school activities to be successful.	3/22/2017 2:01 PM
203	Currently my child attends elementary school and we are able to walk, however when she eventually goes to the middle & high schools, I would love if she had the CDTA as an option. I also went to Cohoes City schools (a long time ago!) & often wished there were more CDTA options.	3/22/2017 1:58 PM
204	I think this would be a HUGE benefit to our student population.	3/22/2017 1:53 PM
205	It has been a struggle to get three children to different schools on time when I have a full time job that is not flexible with drop off and pick up times. This is an EXCELLENT idea and i fully support it!!!!!!!	3/22/2017 1:50 PM
206	I believe this is a great idea for the district. When "every minute matters" and kids do not come to school because they don't have a ride, or to cold, to hot. This is the perfect way to sidesteps the excuses. I applaud the district for this step..	3/22/2017 1:46 PM
207	I think it is a great idea. If possible it might be a cost savings to only provide to students who want/would us it. We live very close to school (closer than a bus stop) so it might got to waste on our family, but I am very supportive.	3/22/2017 1:45 PM
208	I think this is a great idea!	3/22/2017 1:43 PM
209	I think this is wonderful. On days after a snow storm I am very worried about my high school son walking home. This past week he said he had to walk in the street as some of the sidewalks were not yet cleared.	3/22/2017 1:40 PM
210	This is a great idea!	3/22/2017 1:38 PM