

## City Council Unit of Appropriation 438: School Transportation for Homeless Students Summary Report

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### Requirements

As a condition of the funds in unit of appropriation number 438, the Department of Education shall submit to the Council semi-annual reports on busing provided for students living in shelters. Such reports shall detail the number of students who have been routed and a snapshot of the number of students who are waiting to be routed. The semi-annual reports shall be submitted as follows: the first report shall be submitted no later than January 15, 2021 and shall cover the period beginning September 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. The second report shall be submitted no later than July 15, 2021 and shall cover the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2021.

### Assumptions

- “Students living in shelters” was interpreted as students living in DHS shelters
- Students living shelters were identified by a feed of data to DOE from DHS on December 14, 2020
- For the 2020-2021 school year, students had the option to select blended (in person) classes or remote only learning. As learning preference is dynamic and only students who are attending in person classes are eligible for busing, a single data snapshot was used to represent the reporting period
- The student’s learning preference as of December 14, 2020 was joined to a DHS snapshot from December 14, 2020 to represent their current learning preference
- Only students who selected blended learning or those who did not respond to the survey (these students are automatically enrolled into the blended model) are represented in this report

## Definitions

Category	Definition
Routed	Student is currently routed
Waiting To Be Routed	Student is not yet routed, may be due to unavailable route or vehicle, OPT could not confirm ridership with parent, or discrepancy in data between DHS and DOE
MetroCard	Parent opted the student out of busing and requested a MetroCard
Self Transport By Parent Choice	Parent has private transportation or alternate arrangements for the child to commute to and from school
Newly Arrived or Transferred To Shelter	Student has recently entered the shelter or moved to a new shelter and is within the allotted timeframe to be routed, which is 7 days from entry in shelter

## Data

Count of Bus Eligible DOE Students Living in DHS Shelters as of 12/14/2020	
Category	Count of Students
Routed	1042
Waiting To Be Routed	83
MetroCard	1258
Self Transport By Parent Choice	622
Newly Arrived or Transferred To Shelter	53
Total	3058