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To: Baugh, Ben
Subject: School transport changes

Dear Mr Baugh

I am a parent, one of many I assume who as been disheartened to hear of the proposed changes to transport provision to our Primary school's main Secondary school. Cradley C of E primary and John Masefield respectively.

I wish to ask a couple of questions of this process as I do not think it seems necessarily logical let alone fair on the local population who have to foot the bill for undefined financial savings to the local council.

1. How much is the projected saving and how is it expected to be used?
2. Have the coach companies that provide the transport at present been through a tendering process with atleast two (ideally more) other competing companies in order to ensure that the best possible price is assured?
3. Parents at Cradley could face a situation where if Dysons was full, the next nearest school is the Chase, before John Masefield third. Does this situation mean that the Council would run three separate buses to get the children to their schools? With birth rates rising in Worcestershire and no changes to the admission policies for Cradley and Colwall children, with regard to Worcestershire schools. How are the Council going to address the active discrimination against these children that will be the effect of the transportation changes?

I would appreciate hearing your answers to these questions, although very much hope they might also prompt a little better analysis of the situation by your department as a better solution must surely exist!

Yours faithfully

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Parent of children at Cradley C of E Primary School.