Mike DeWine, Governor Jon Husted, Lt. Governor Stephen D. Dackin, Director

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RE: Payment in lieu of transportation (Type IV) for school year 2024-2025

After considering the factors set forth in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3327.02, the board of education of a city, exempted village, or local school district may determine that it is impractical to transport a pupil who is eligible for transportation to and from a school under section ORC 3327.01.

Pursuant to ORC 3327.02 and Section 265.190 of HB 33 (135th GA), if the parent, guardian, or other person in charge of the pupil accepts the offer of payment in lieu of providing transportation, and providing that all appropriate documentation and procedures identified in code have been completed, the board shall pay the parent, guardian, or other person in charge of the child an amount that shall be not less than 50 percent, and not more than the amount determined by the department as the average cost of pupil transportation for the previous school year. Payment may be prorated if the time period involved is only a part of the school year.

The *minimum* amount for school year 2024-2025 (50 percent of the average cost of pupil transportation for the previous school year) is \$583.86.

The maximum amount, or average cost of pupil transportation for the previous school year, as specified above, is \$1,167.72.