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**Fwd: Subscription and Courtesy Busing**

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Thu, Aug 3, 2023 at 1:12 PM

FYI - No response whatsoever.

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To the Board, Dr.Varley and Julie,

I am awaiting the response to my questions from the email dated **June 22, 2023** (see below). Can you please tell me when I can expect an answer, especially on the discrepancy between ***courtesy busing numbers submitted to the state Department of Education (337) and those quoted during the budget planning process (200) in March and April 2023?***

The data submitted by the Berkeley Heights school district to the NJ State Department of Education is attached, which shows ***337 courtesy busing students***. These numbers were certified by Kelly Sheehan to the NJ State Department of Education in November 2022.

Thank you,  
Sai Bhargavi

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Good Afternoon,

Since busing was one of the key issues highlighted during the 2023-24 budget planning process, and the focus on equity of busing for all students, I wanted to follow up on the topic of courtesy and subscription busing.

During the budget process, we heard Pamela Stanley share some numbers for courtesy busing at the [March 30, 2022 board meeting - 200 students](#) of which 144 students go to GL.

The data submitted by the Berkeley Heights school district to the NJ State Department of Education is attached, which shows **337 courtesy busing students**. I am seeking to understand the discrepancy between the numbers sent to the State Department of Education and those quoted during the budget planning process in March 2023.

@Julie and Dr. Varley - Can you please clarify the total number of courtesy, qualified/eligible, and subscription busing students in BHPS? For clarity, qualified/eligible means those that live either beyond 2 miles or 2.5 miles in the district and hence qualify for busing without cost.

Thank you,  
Sai Bhargavi

March 30, 2023, BOE Meeting - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-HZCwosJR0c>

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