

# FAST FACTS

## COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION

### TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES, PERSONNEL, MILEAGE AND RIDERSHIP FOR THE 2007-08 YEAR

#### **Transportation Expenditures:**

(Included are general current expenditures, including federal projects, for the transportation program/function. All objects of expenditure are included. Mileage is all miles driven, including regular, co-curricular, extra-curricular and vocational.)

- Statewide, over \$214 million was expended for transportation
- Salaries and benefits account for 65% of the total expended statewide
- Vehicle supplies, including fuel, account for 17% of the total expended
- The purchase of buses accounts for 9% of the total
  
- On average, counties spent \$4.96 per mile
- Pendleton County was the lowest at \$3.62 per mile
- Harrison County was the highest at \$6.44 per mile
  
- On average, counties spent \$922.48 per student transported
- Kanawha County was the least at \$620.25 per student transported
- Pleasants County was the highest at \$1565.19 per student transported
- Pocahontas and Pendleton Counties are among the lowest ten counties for spending per mile but also among the highest ten counties for spending per students transported

#### **Service Personnel Positions:**

(Included are all employees regardless of funding source. Mileage is all miles driven, including regular, co-curricular, extra-curricular and vocational.)

- Statewide, counties employed 2,855 bus operators during the 2008-09 school year
- These bus operators accounted for 20% of the total service personnel positions statewide
- Tyler County employs the largest percentage at 34%
- Kanawha County employs the smallest percentage at 12%
- There is a direct correlation between sparsity and a high percentage of bus operators
  
- On average, a West Virginia bus operator drives 15,138 miles
- Wyoming County bus operators drive the most miles at 20,619
- Grant County bus operators drive the least at 10,923 miles
  
- On average, a West Virginia bus operator drives 81 students
- Kanawha County bus operators drive the most students at 128
- Summers County bus operators drive the least at 48 students
- A high number of students per driver is indicative of a dense population and multiple bus runs per driver