



# Pickens School

Transportation Analysis  
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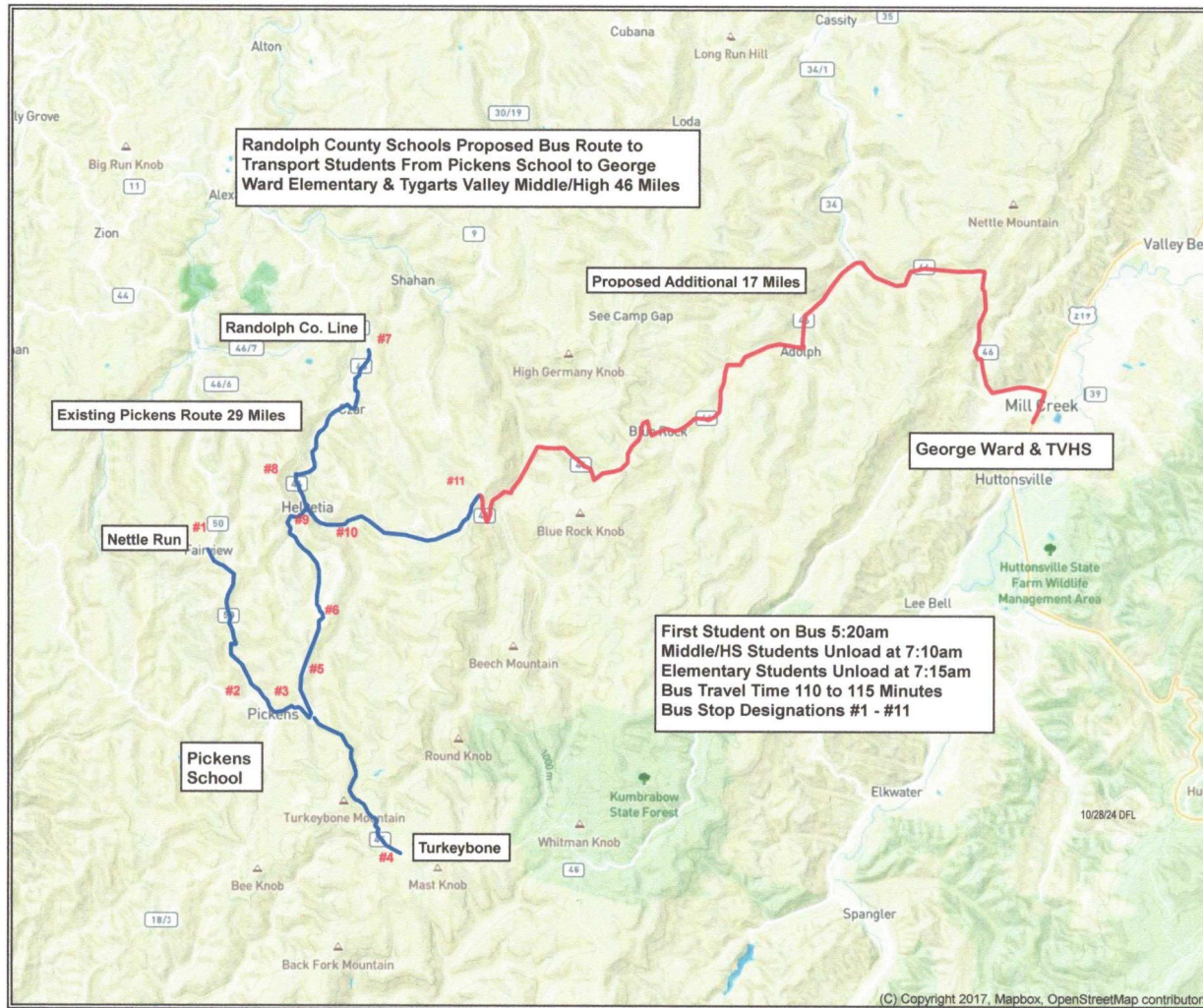


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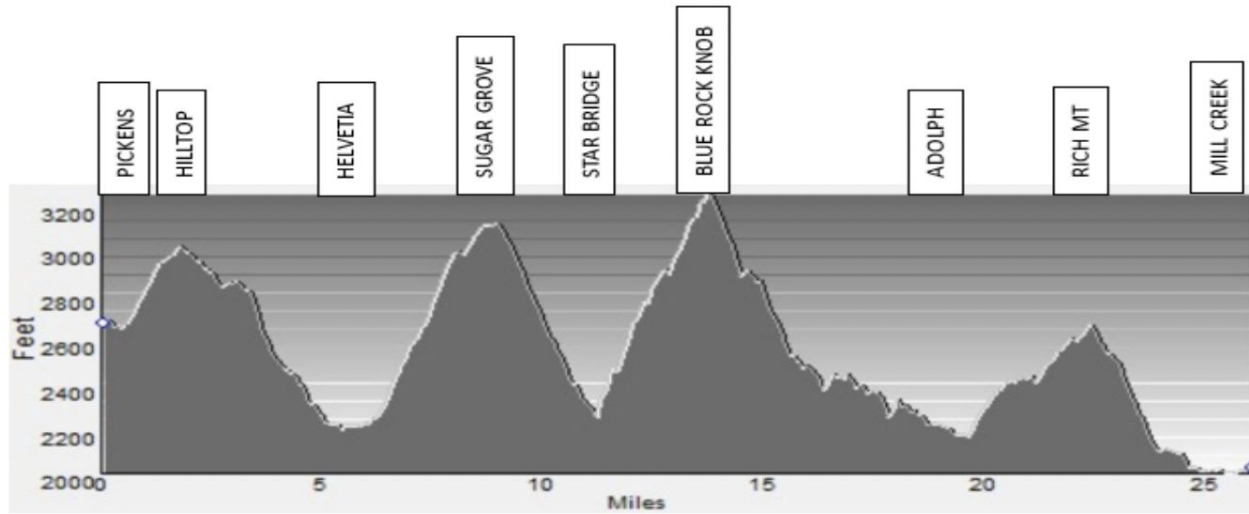
**School Bus Time & Mileage Report Relative To The Proposed Consolidation Of Pickens K-12 School  
Into George Ward & Tygarts Valley Middle / High School**

Randy Long, former Randolph Transportation Director, Daniel Lehmann, Kevin Betler 11/4/2024

<b>Bus #87A Morning Run</b>	<b>Bus Stop</b>	<b>AM Run Time</b>	<b>Cum Mins Middle+High</b>	<b>Cum Mins Elementary</b>	<b>Cum Miles</b>
Bus Leaves Terminal		5:10	x	x	0
Nettle Run - Fairview	1	5:20	0	x	3.8
Pickens Depot	2	5:31	11	x	7.2
Pickens #2	3	5:33	13	<b>0</b>	7.6
Turkeybone Rd.	4	5:45	25	12	11
State Road Garage	5	5:56	36	23	14.2
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TVHS & Middle unload	12	7:10	<b>110</b>	97	46
George Ward Elementary unload	13	7:15		<b>102</b>	
<b>Bus #87 Evening Run</b>		<b>PM Run</b>			
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Sugar Grove Rd.	11	3:17	42	<b>34</b>	
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Hutte Restaurant	9	3:28	53	45	
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## Profile of County Routes 47, 45 and 46, Pickens to Mill Creek



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# New Bus Route Facts



- New bus route proposed due to Pickens School closure and consolidation
- Speed limits range from 25 mph to 45 mph.
  - ◆ Buses must travel 5 mph below posted speed limits
- No cellphone reception throughout the entire bus route until the Mill Creek area
  - ◆ Very intermittent bus radio reception
- Extreme mountainous area with severe weather conditions
- Entire bus route with students aboard 115 minutes (1hr 55min)
- Elementary student on bus 102 minutes (1hr 42min)
  - ◆ First students board the bus at 5:20am and last students exit the bus at 4:30pm
- Time away from home for some students including travel and instructional time: 11 hours 10 minutes
- Bus leaves terminal at 5:10am, but the County bus garage not open until 5:15am

## **§18-2E-5d**

### **Standards for duration of school bus transportation times for students to and from school.**

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(a) The high-quality standards for transportation adopted by the state board pursuant to section five of this article shall include standards for the recommended duration of the one-way school bus transportation time for students to and from school under normal weather and operating conditions as follows:

- (1) For elementary school students, thirty minutes;
- (2) For middle school, intermediate school and junior high school students, forty-five minutes; and
- (3) For high school students, sixty minutes.

## §18-2E-5d

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(b) A county board may not create a new bus route for the transportation of students in any of the grade levels prekindergarten through grade five to and from any school included in a school closure, consolidation or new construction project approved after July 1, 2008, which exceeds by more than fifteen minutes the recommended duration of the one-way school bus transportation time for elementary students adopted by the state board in accordance with subsection (a) of this section unless:

- (1) The county board adopts a separate motion to approve creation of the route and request written permission of the state board to create the route; and
- (2) Receives the written permission of the state board to create the route.



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(c) A county board may not create, nor may the state board permit, the creation of a new bus route for the transportation of students in any of the grade levels prekindergarten through grade five to and from any school included in a school closure, consolidation or new construction project approved after July 1, 2008, which exceeds by more than thirty minutes the recommended duration of the one-way school bus transportation time for elementary students adopted by the state board in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

(d) The state board shall provide technical assistance to county boards with the objective of achieving school bus transportation routes for students which are within the recommended time durations established by the state board.

# Questions about the new bus route?



1. Can the WV Department of Highways maintain winter roadways prior to bus runs?
2. What is your plan for students getting home from school during emergencies or inclement weather?
3. Have you considered the mental and psychological ramifications on the students and families?
4. Have you considered the impact of fatigue on students away from home more than 11 hours per day?
5. Have you planned for student illnesses, motion sickness, and restroom emergencies while on the bus?
6. Do you know you have a bus driver willing to accept this route?

## REMINDER:

- Pickens School LSIC invites Randolph County Board of Education and the County Administration to participate in a field trip of the route.
  - ◆ **Sunday, November 10 at 1:00pm**
    - Departs from Tygarts Valley High School and travels to Pickens School. Returns to Tygarts Valley.
    - Approved as a Randolph County school bus trip but entirely paid for by donations.



# Thank you.

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