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6. On most days, how does your child arrive to his/her current school? - Other responses

Answer

Both family vehicle and school bus
bike or mom's vehicle

7. On most days, how does your child leave from his/her current school? - Other responses

Answer

walk to CCBA
bike or mom picks up
Walks to MLS and then picked up with younger siblings

10. In your opinion, please evaluate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. -

Answer

There is no safe route from our house to Sem Hill

We live in Grantham so walking/biking to school is not an option for us but at the same time, I am disappointed that there are no side walks or a walking path leading back to the Lebanon Green. I do appreciate that a bus will be providing daily afterschool transport to the CCBA.

The distance to school is too far for walk/bike, so we're talking instead about walking/biking to shuttle bus. Even that is a bit far, with not a great route to take.

There is no safe way for our child to walk/bike to school. Lebanon needs more Complete Streets to enable all pedestrians and cyclists to safely navigate. For part of the year, our child walked to an afterschool program but it was stressful as a parent because there were no adults supervising the walk. It would be helpful to have a location about 1/4 mile from school to park and walk with our child to school - so that it's a reasonable distance to walk even when short on time.

We have happily participated in the walking school bus to HSS, but can't do it to SHES. I am not sure how much "encouragement" is given to SHES kids to walk or bike, but I know some do. Not a safe route from our house to SHES...

my main concern is how the children travel to and from the new middle school, what safe guards are in place for those walking to and crossing street intersections.

It is safe as long as an adult is walking with him

would have to cross rt 120 or go through town which is too far

i think it is safe for children as long as there is an adult present.

I feel that it is a safe activity for my child to walk or bike to school, but only if she is with a group of people.

I am wondering how children will cross the street on Bank St. after being dropped off of school bus. Could we keep the friendly crossing guard?

In years past I have kept track of sex offenders and in our area there were no less than 7 within a one mile radius. Until this district regulates this by not allowing sex offenders near schools OR ROUTES TO SCHOOLS, provides a SAFE bike path well off the main road, and seriously addresses student safety (crosswalks, marked paths, etc.) there will be NO SAFE WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL.

So many kids walking not too many adults watching

I appreciate the crossing guards very much

We would need to cross Seminary Hill

We live too far from school

walking safe, concerned about biking

Walks to Hanover St School from Colburn Park on Wed & Fri.

We live at least 5 miles from current school so it is too far for him to walk/bike. The LMS is closer at about 3 miles, but Meriden Rd/RT 120 and LaPlante Rd are way too dangerous to walk or bike on for kids or anyone. We would consider walk/bike to school, if there were a non-dangerous way to do it.

With the construction on Bank Street, walking/biking is not safe. After School time, there needs to be more awareness with school officials, police while the children are walking home. I have seen too many kids get hurt from pushing and shoving each other.

Obviously, 10 year olds should be supervised at all times and this should be mandated by law, if it is not.

He did walk when he went to Hanover St and may be interested in walking to the new school but not alone and needs to be safe. Thank you.

Unfortunately, it is impossible to walk from our home to SHES in West Lebanon. Too far

No side walks from Route 120 over LaPlante road. Very unsafe for anyone walking or riding bikes.

There is not really a safe walking route from the Kings Grant neighborhood to Sem Hill school, or from that neighborhood to the green once he is in middle school. I hope that the town will put in side walks/ bike paths alongside the busy roads.

We live so close, the "ask permission to walk" question doesn't really apply to us. Both of our children walk/ride bikes every day anyway.

Route needed to travel by bike is not safe.

I wouldn't want her to bike without an adult.

His current school is on other side of town when he attended Hanover street school he did the walking school bus. The new LMS is to far to walk or bike to from our home located on young street in Lebanon. Our son will need to take bus next year to and from school. He also may have sports on the opposite side of town and buses. Will need to get him to the smith field area to attend practice. Please contact with questions at 448-9762. Thank you for doing this survey.

We live to far from Sem. Hill to walk. She used to walk or scooter when she went to HSS.

My child walks to the CCBA for sports. I don't want her walking form the new school. There are no sidewalks. Safety first!

We live too far for walking or biking

Would love to have safe biking

Would love to walk/bike but distance and safety are concerning

We live too far away!

Note from Seminary Hill School

LMS was but is around the automobile. Totally "not green"

Walking or biking to school is dangerous (Rt 120)
People are driving, texting and pass at 70 mph. Would love a bike path on Route 120.

I know that once my child attends middle school she will be walking to school - I wish there were side walks in the neighbourhood that she could use.

We live too far away for him to walk or bike to school in a timely and safe fashion

As of right now it's safe for my child to walk or bike but when she goes to the middle school, it won't be safe route nor will I feel comfortable.

Live in west Leb too far to walk or bike in a timely manner

WE live too far from school for it to be walkable/bikeable. Rt 120 is busy and has no sidewalks. There are also no sidewalks between our house and the new middle school, which is 2 miles away from home.

there are no sidewalks to/from our house to shes via old pine and there is no way i would let him with the fast traffic on that road

I think it is great for kids to walk to school. I wish I lived close enough to be able to walk to my work.

With other kid drop off times, we don't have enough time for him to ride to school.

We live to far from school for our son to walk or ride his bike to school. He enjoys the walking school bus. But his school does make it a healthy choice for the children to walk or ride to school if they live closer to school.

walking to the current school would not be an option due to the distance and no safe route from our house. no sidewalks, heavy traffic etc.

Getting to most of the schools in Lebanon is difficult. Hanover Street makes it difficult to get to Hanover Street School and there are no sidewalks to the new middle school.

We live too far away.

It is not safe for my kids to walk or bike because Route 4 has terrible sidewalks

There are no sidewalks on route 4 in either direction from our neighborhood. It would be suicide to have my children walk/ride anywhere outside of our neighborhood on Route 4.

This is safe when done with the group, but we live too far away for him to walk by himself. He could bike himself except the route isn't that good with lots of intersections.

We live on the Rt. 120 end of LaPlante Road. A "shortcut" for many commuters & the layout of the road, very curvy with no sidewalks, makes this road much to dangerous for my daughter to walk or bike to LMS.

It is safe only if there are adults walking with him.

We usually walk to the bus stop and then take the bus. I am very concerned and disappointed that there is no sidewalk or bike path leading to the New Elementary School.

I feel like the walking school bus is fairly safe, but I only allow my child to do it if I can go with her, she is too young to do it alone.

we live off rt4 to get to bank street no side walks

Too many busy traffic areas to cross without parent. Even with a parent, crossing rt 5 is nerve wracking.

Rt 10 is a very busy street for my child to cross on own every day.

It's not safe for the children to walk to school. There is way too much traffic and creepy people hanging around the city hall area!

With the new school being so far away from our home, I do NOT feel that it is safe for her to walk or bike to school and that there should be a bus route. If there was a concern about buses this issue should have been visited prior to the groundbreaking for the new school.

I think that children walking to school are more at risk for accidents or another type of unexpected occurrence or even sneaking off to ditch school provided their age at the time. I wouldn't feel comfortable letting my child walk to school with or without a group of people. Unless there are almost as many teachers/chaperone's to ensure their safety...

MY CHILDREN WOULD WALK OR RIDE BIKES TO SCHOOL IF WE LIVED CLOSER. WE ARE UP ON POVERTY LANE AND ARE JUST TOO FAR TO WALK OR BIKE SAFELY.

The dip on prospect st. past reservoir road is extremely dangerous especially in the winter. The money for a sidewalk should have been included in the price of the new school.

11. How far does your child live from LMS? - Comments

Answer

There is no safe way for our child to walk to LMS. It will be interesting to see how the hilly area is when the roads are icy. There should be more sidewalks/wider shoulders on the way to LMS. There should be a place to park about 1/4 mile away so that we can walk at least partway.

not enough side walks to get there from our home

Too far to walk. Street unsafe.

All uphill and on Route 120 from home. Walking or biking is not an option.

In addition to walking, family vehicle is taken in winter and bad weather.

Two large hills, 1/2 mile long and 1 mile long, with no sidewalks on either, between our house and LMS

She lives on Laplante Rd, near mmeriden Road end. Road has no sidewalks, is curvy and narrow and too dengerous to walk on. There are also sections that are wooded and isolated-unsafe for anyone to walk alone.

They are advertising this as a green school yet there is no way to safely walk there. Where are the sidewalks or bike paths? There will be kids who will walk or ride bikes and with Bank st / 4A being as busy as they are a child will surely get hit by a car.

Way to fair for children to walk to school and rt4 is dangous with NO side walks and sharp coners

Completely out of the question to walk that far on the roads they would have to travel to get there. The entrance to the school is also a huge risk as it sits on a hill and is difficult to turn in a car let alone walking children who might not pay as close attention as they should, or be able to cross quickilly enough, unless a crossguard is there but it's still a risk.

12. On most days, how do you expect your child to arrive at LMS? - Other responses

Answer

Maybe walk to bus stop, then ride bus

not sure yet; would like to encourage walk/bike

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she will only attend in 3 years but wouldbe walking

don't know

I am not sure what has been arranged yet for bussing

13. On most days, how do you expect your child to leave from LMS? - Other responses

Answer

Probably bus, then walk from bus stop. Or, bus to CCBA

Not sure, but can't walk No sidewalks

bus or car

Maybe walk to the advance transit if after school activities apply

don't know

14. What of the following issues would affect your decision to allow, or not allow, you child to walk or

Answer

This question should have had a ranking because, as a parent, I consider all of these to be important. While safety is my number one concern, the simple fact is, there is NO WAY I would let my child walk to the New School. There are NO SIDEWALKS anywhere along the way. While it was great that Lebanon decided to build a new school, forward thinking is not the town's forte.

There are no sidewalks on Route 4.

two lanes around "green" is not clear enough, cars drive, guessing the boundaries. Not safe for bikes while cars are switching lanes.

The road is a 40mph road with a good amount of traffic and many hills. It's not safe for kids to walk due to that and the lack of sidewalks.

We live a very long way from LMS and there is no way they could walk.

too much traffic on Meriden Road and also on La Plante Road to safely walk or bike the one mile or so to LMS.

There are currently no sidewalks on either of the streets my child could walk to school on, Bank St. or Prospect St.

10 - 11 year olds should never be left unattended. An unattended walk would not be acceptable or supported by me.

Route 4 is not a safe walking/or biking path for anyone especially children

We live too far away for those other items listed above aren't really a factor. We live all the way over in West Leb, so our kids will be bus riding/being driven every day regardless.

They would walk up Prospect, and it's very curvy, so I don't trust the commuters that use it to get to the freeway or to Enfield.

He will walk or bike regardless of road conditions.

There is no way for our child to walk/ride to school due to distance. I've filled out survey for concern regarding the general public.

Walk to Mt. Lebanon and then take school bus

the speed of the cars coming down Lapnat road is often above the speed limit

It's purely a safety issue. The new school is not in a safe location relative to quantity and speed of traffic in the morning. The quickest way to LMS from rt. 120 is Laplant Rd, and that is the major rt for folks cutting from 120 to rt 4. And that rd is very narrow and winding.

My son walks to the ccba everyday This is not only important to him but works for our schedule

Backpacks are too heavy due to work overload and trying to carry athletic equipment. If my child could walk it would be unhealthy to walk too far with 40 pounds on her back.

My husband drives right by the middle school on his way to work, and his drive time coincides with dropoff at LMS. We expect, when our 3 kids eventually go there, that he will drop them off on the way to work. As for after school, my kids are too young to leave at home by themselves and with various activities for all 3 at times after school, I bring them all with me.

from in town Lebanon I do not see sidewalks that go all the way to LMS or I would entertain the idea of his biking to school on good days

Unsafe road to school-LaPlants Road

the crossing guard at the middle school is awesome. always on the sidewalk. never sits in his car. he takes safety of the children seriously. unlike your other guards who sit in the car and then run over to the crosswalk. don't you think if they are hired to be the guard they should be at the sidewalk and not in the car. I would fire them and hire more like the guy at the middle school. sun, rain, snow he is outside looking after the kids. give him a raise. he deserves it.

My main concern with the location of the new school was the location. Too many schools are being moved outside of population centers. There are no sidewalks on Rte 4, Prospect Street, Moulton Ave, and Pumping Station Road. Even two of the three entrances to the new school do not have sidewalks-bad planning!

We are on the other side of town. No way to walk or ride bike.

I would not allow my child to walk to this school with or without sidewalks. It is not a safe road.

There is no safe way for children to walk or bike to the middle school!!!!!!!!!!

15. Would you probably let your child walk or bike to/from school if each of the problems in #14 were
Answer

How are you going to improve "Distance"?

Are you going to make driving less "Convenient" to increase the walking numbers? I hope not. How can "Time" be improved and what is meant by "Time"? School start time? I do wish I could control the weather. The NUMBER ONE issue is the lack of a place for the children to ACTUALLY WALK. The road shoulders in Lebanon are POOR at best, worse near the New School, stop and start, and negotiating The Green is a nightmare any time of day even for adults.

We are in West Leb, and it doesn't seem sensible for her to walk/bike to LMS.

How could you change time? Or weather? Or distance?

Safety is the biggest issue. If our child could get to/from school safely by bike or walking that would be optimal.

It is not a safe walk along route 4 and using prospect street is steep and there are isolated stretches of road.

would love to walk or ride bike, but as it is now it is far from safe. Plus the hill to ride up could be challenging for the 5/6th graders

The main issue for us is the lack of a sidewalk on Route 4 heading from town to the school. There would need to be a sidewalk with a guardrail for protection. The other main issue is reducing the speed of traffic along route. Cars tend to go really fast on this section of road.

On the other hand, short of moving, the distance issue is insurmountable.

I would love to see the establishment of more bike paths and bike lanes around the upper valley.

Meriden Road has posted 30 mph but too many people exceed the limit. LaPlante Road is also posted at 30 but too much traffic, too many speeders, and road too narrow and has blind spots on the corners to allow for safely walking or biking.

It is not possible to ensure the safety of a 10 or 11 year old without an adult present. Therefore unattended walks would not be supported by me.

We live so far away I wouldn't let my child bike (let alone walk) anyway, no matter what the other conditions listed above were like.

As I mentioned above, the distance is too great for us to even consider letting our kids bike or walk.

I don't believe he is interested in walking or biking to school.

I would like you to improve the winter weather!

We would have to walk the distance to see how long it takes before committing to walking

Supervised bike routes would be great!

Sidewalks installed along the route would make walking a great prospect

It doesn't matter what is changed on the route out to the new Lms. Kids are still going to walk or bike anyway.

Very concerned about not only the safety of walking but also the inability to park. The lack of parking is also a safety issue. What is the plan in a serious school emergency or evacuation. The traffic flow of not only pedestrians but traffic in general is a major concern of mine.

I answered no when I felt that the question was not an issue to begin with.

I don't believe it is possible to fix the above stated problems, given the location of the school

Due to distance, my son will mostly take the bus home after school. However, when in fall soccer and spring track, he will be heading to the high school or the CCBA field. I would like him to have the opportunity to walk and not have to be at the mercy of a bus schedule in case he wants to stay after school to meet with a teacher or get some homework done and for the fresh air. Easy access to the rail trail from the LMS would be great - I have some concern about safety on the trail though.

We live too far, off a major route (120) and the walk route would be along Laplant road (too hilly and curvy, with no sidewalks). I don't feel that the traffic along these roads, even with sidewalks, is conducive to walking. Plus the distance is far.

crossing guards need to be at the crosswalks not sitting in cars. sidewalks need to be setup. what about video camera's along the routes

mainly there needs to be a sidewalk or bike path

The middle school is too far to walk or ride. This question does not make sense. How would the distance or weather be changed? And would all other factors remain the same, only changing the one factor in question? The middle school is too far to walk or ride. This question does not make sense. How would distance or weather be resolved?

16. Please take this opportunity to share any comments or insights you feel were not addressed in this Answer

LMS is definitely NOT in a location conducive to walking/driving to school, unless you lived right in that Moulton Ave. neighborhood.

I sincerely hope that someone has put some thought into getting driving parents in and out of the school without being locked in the back of the building by parked buses...love Sem Hill, but child pick up and drop off was awful.

Safe routes to schools are critical. Lebanon has a tremendous opportunity to be a SR2S leader. Would be wonderful to have a walking schoolbus from the Lebanon Green to school. Email updates re SR2S would be good; we don't always receive notes given to our child in school because we have a split household and often only 1 copy is provided.

what steps are being taken for drop off or pick up of children currently being using the Bank/Elm Street site

I wish this had been addressed before the school was built.

I think it would be helpful to have more school sponsored walk or bike to school days. I know when I was in school we use to walk on our recess and use a caterpillar to note how much we walked and after completing it you got some special treat. I think that would get kids more interested.

I think you should have a ranking for #14, so you can see what people feel is really important. My top 3 rankings would be:

The e-mail link as sent is broken. I accessed this through the district web site after searching google. Most people will not make this effort.

none

With the new Middle School, communication needs to be made clear (sooner than later) on how kids who live in the downtown area are going to get to/from school. Currently, I drive my child in the morning and then she walks in the afternoon because I am at work and she has no other options.

The route to the middle school is obviously unsafe for children and I have never seen a child walking along the road there in the thousands of times I have driven past. I would not allow my child to ride a bicycle there either. If there were motion record cameras from the school to the green, I might reconsider my position.

I have to drive my daughter to the busstop as it is...we are .4 away and my understanding is .5 gets a bus pickup that is closer. She is 9 yrs old and the ONLY child dropped off at 330p..not safe to walk home alone given the remote setting in which we live.

Even if we lived closer, I would not allow my child to walk/bike on Route 4, it isn't safe.

I don't want my child walking to the CCBA from the new school. It's not safe. Will there be a bus? Many students go there after school.

I always walked/biked to school as a child. Where we live does not allow my child to do this.

Who ever typed this school survey up should learn how to spell or at least use spell check. The school should not have been built out there anyway. You get people on the school board that were not raised in Lebanon and they make stupid changes and decisions that people born and raised here don't want. Those transplants can keep moving on.

The school is too far from home to effectively walk or bike to schedule.

She has friends who would live in a walking path so its important.

I dont want to be totally negative, but I feel like if walking and biking to school were of concern, that should have been adressed before we decided where to place LMS. The school is located on a major traffic cooridor. We as a community are not going to change that pattern or the landscape.

Again, I think easy and safe access to the rail trail would be great. I think the traffic on rt 4 is too fast for it to be safe for kids to walk along it without sidewalks.

If safe travel is not provided then busing to ccba will be essential

The walking school bus is a great concept but I am extremely concerned about the safety of the students particularly along Hanover st. I feel there is not enough protection from traffic for these students.

It is lovely to think about walking/biking, but living on the complete opposite side of town, I don't see how it would ever be possible.

Seriously consider what children need to carry to school and the weight involved!

The difficulty with making the LMS walkable is the site location. There are steep hills and busy road surrounding it from several sides and a limited populations that lives within a reasonable walking distance. Even with sidewalk improvements, the distance from a child's house and the steep hills issues will prevent it from being walkable.

Just the distance from our house to school I would not allow my child to ride or walk to school we live out RT4 to Rudsboro near Enfield and I know how people drive on rt 4.

Distance from school is not too far, but not conducive to walk or bike

i don't think you have a safe way for children, parents etc to walk or bike to the new school. no sidewalks are in place. What about adding an advance transit stop. You will also have the citys highway department exiting and entering right along any path to the school. Safety will need to be considered

Off subject, but will the parking lot and building lights be on every night? This is not very energy concious.

Honestly this is a bad survey. Reality is there always will be kids that can not walk or ride their bikes to school unless everyone lived within one mile of the school and had great sidewalks and no traffic. Very few people will have there middle school kids walk or ride over two miles to get to school. Just address a mile radius from the school

We would be happy if there could be a good and safe biking route from the Green in Lebanon - my son would be able to ride his bike to school in good weather. If the town could put together a bike route that is paved and maintained, as well as separated from traffic so it would be safe, that would be perfect.

My main concern for my child walking to school as she gets older is safety, both in terms of vehicles and crime. I feel like Lebanon is fairly safe, but some of the routes that my child would take to get to HSS (like the Hanover Street section of town) are not safe both for crossing the street or crime. If she was with a group I may let her walk.

The rail trail plus new path to the pool might offer the optimal solution for a safe route from traffic. I suggest a crossing guard for crossing Route 4 / Dartmouth College Hwy but over the long term a skywalk bridge at that crossing (emblazoned with "Welcome to Lebanon") would be an asset and solve the problem of limited parking.

It would be most helpful if the bus stopped on my street somewhere, instead of out on the busy road. Standing out on the busy road with young children, in the rain or snow, sometimes in the dark, does not work. Other families on the street feel the same way.

A bus stop on my street would be most helpful. It is difficult for families with younger children to stand at the bus stop on a busy road, in the snow or rain, sometimes in the dark.

The safety of walking to school should have been included in the decision to have the school on moulton ave.. The cost of sidewalks on prospect should have been included in the cost of the new school. The school board failed to address this safety concern.
