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## Chardon School District officials familiar with shared busing services

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When [Chardon Schools decided to share busing with the Kirtland School District](#), they already had some experience with the initiative under their belt.

Superintendent Michael P. Hanlon and Business Manager Ted Roseberry, who both worked for Painesville School District prior to coming on board with Chardon, were instrumental in creating a shared transportation service arrangement in Lake County, with Painesville, Riverside and Perry schools. “Shared services are a creative way to utilize highly qualified personnel to accomplish efficiencies more economically,” Roseberry said. “On that note, we are excited that our new partnership with Kirtland Schools to share one transportation supervisor will save Chardon over \$30,000 in administrative costs alone.”

Jeremy Nau, former head bus driver for Kirtland Schools, has been named the new transportation director for both districts. Nau is familiar with Chardon Schools’ routes through prior work as a driver for the district.

“Across Ohio, public entities are being challenged to do more with less and to explore shared service arrangements where they make good fiscal sense,” Hanlon said. “Our partnership with the Kirtland Schools demonstrates the commitment of both districts to the responsible use of our resources and creating partnerships that benefit each community.

“With stretched budgets, schools districts are challenged to develop new ways of delivering services that maximize resources. Our objective is to take advantage of opportunities that will maintain or improve this type of support service to our community and students in a cost effective manner. Roseberry concurred.

“My intent is to ensure that our education dollars are being used as effectively and efficiently as possible,” he said.

In an earlier interview with The News-Herald, Kirtland Superintendent Steve Barrett said Chardon has about 30 bus routes, while Kirtland has 15.

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