

# WEST BONNER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #83



## Facilities & Transportation Report Charity Hinshaw

WBCSD Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
November 19, 2025, 6:00 pm  
Priest River Lamana Junior / Senior High School

### 2024/2025 Budget Cuts following the levy Failure

Due to the levy failure and subsequent cuts required the school board adopted a combination of the two routes which featured common pick up points in Coolin and Nordman for the 2024 / 2025 school year.

### Recommendation to the WBCSD Board of Trustees:

On October 20, 2025 the Transportation Department met with members of the Priest Lake Education Foundation to discuss issues with the current transportation arrangement with the combination of routes 39 and 40 serving Priest Lake Elementary. The following issues were discussed:

- Many students are facing long hours spent on the school bus with early pick ups in the morning and late drop offs in the evening.
- Both drivers are still operating the bus to and from school in the morning and afternoon.
- Safety concerns, with both routes running full time, if a bus breaks down a second bus is already in route and takes kids off the bus and continues, with minimal time spent waiting for a second bus especially in our weather conditions.

### Financial Considerations

WBCSD SALARY EXPENSES - RECOMMENDED ROUTE 39 / 40 FULL TIME - RESUMING NORMAL SERVICE						
Name	Pay Classification	Gross \$	Retirement	Work Comp	Health, Life, Dental	TOTAL
Route 40	Bus Driver L	\$16,894.20	\$2,277.34	\$979.86	\$1,351.54	\$21,502.94
Route 40	Longevity Stipend	\$2,500.00	\$337.00	\$145.00	\$200.00	\$3,182.00
Route 39	Bus Driver A	\$16,894.20	\$2,277.34	\$979.86	\$1,351.54	\$21,502.94
Route 39	Longevity Stipend	\$2,500.00	\$337.00	\$145.00	\$200.00	\$3,182.00
TOTAL EMPLOYEE COSTS						\$49,369.88

### WBCSD SALARY EXPENSES - 2024 / 2025 Route 39 & 40 Combined

Name	Pay Classification	Gross \$	Retirement	Work Comp	Health, Life, Dental	TOTAL
Route 40	Bus Driver L	\$8,447.10	\$1,138.67	\$489.93	\$675.77	\$10,751.47
Route 40	Longevity Stipe	\$2,500.00	\$337.00	\$145.00	\$200.00	\$3,182.00
Route 39	Bus Driver A	\$8,447.10	\$1,138.67	\$489.93	\$675.77	\$10,751.47
Route 39	Longevity Stipend	\$2,500.00	\$337.00	\$145.00	\$200.00	\$3,182.00
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE COSTS \$27,866.94</b>						

\*PLEF has agreed to pay the difference in the salary expenses incurred to WBCSD. The salary cost difference

Routes	Salary Expense 6 months 2024-2025 School year	State of Idaho Education 50% reimbursement	Total PLEF: Expense
Route 39 / 40	\$22,795.34	\$11,397.67	\$11,394.67

\*\*These figures are based on the existing 2025/2026 budget forecast numbers.