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Board Member Update:

Spring has arrived and our Venus ISD Transportation Department during the short 3 school weeks of March is on track to run 1,276 routes transporting students to and from school. In addition to routes, 73 trips requests have been submitted for the month.

In anticipation of a continued rise in fuel prices, we are prepared having stocked our tanks and stabilizing the fuel at the best possible pricing.

To meet our increasing need for bus drivers we have strengthened our partnership with Cleburne ISD. Cleburne ISD provides Third Party Commercial Driver's License testing at a time when appointments with the Department of Public Safety require an appointment several weeks or even a month in advance. Cleburne ISD has also invited us to provide our own Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) to new drivers using their federally approved online and behind the wheel training curriculum. A new federal mandate now requires an additional 20 hours of behind the wheel and classroom training prior to obtaining a commercial license. Providing our own training under Cleburne will save us more than \$1,000 per new driver. I am optimistic that the partnership will continue to benefit Venus ISD.