

Minidoka County School District

Transportation's Report

April 2018 Board Report

We are doing ok in the transportation department - it's been very busy trying to keep up with the high number of extra trips this year. We are stretched pretty thin and doing everything that we can in order to cover trips and driver's personal leave.

We still have a couple applicants who say they are working on CDL's written tests, but we have not seen them back with passed tests yet. We do, however, try to keep in touch on a weekly basis with them. We are now waiting on them to complete the written portion of the CDL in order to move onto training them for the skills test. We have hired one new driver that has completed his 10 hours behind the wheel and is training on routes to cover as we need him to.

The little changes we have done to a couple routes have worked out well, and we have been able to get kids to school a little bit earlier instead of at the bell time. They have been able to have breakfast and parents have been happy with this. We are looking at trying to change a couple of more routes in order to get other kids to school a little earlier or hopefully to pick them up a little bit later. We believe every little bit helps. If all goes well and we do not have many losses this summer, we hope to have a few other changes to start the next school year.

Our mechanics are still driving on occasion, but I believe over all we have cut back on the overtime. One driver that had surgery on his shoulder has returned to work and our mechanic that was out for health reasons has been released to work full time and is working on getting back into the swing of things. They are doing well.

We are working with Gena from Rupert Elementary and Sue to hopefully streamline our bus registration process for this coming year. It looks like it will work well. They have come up with what I feel are some good ideas to help make it easier for our department and the parents.

Thank you

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