

# *Operations: Creating the Preconditions for Learning*



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In school systems it is important and necessary to focus on the design of learning, instruction, and student outcomes related to the magic that happens in the classroom.

Tonight we want to ***bring into focus*** the critical role our colleagues in Transportation, Buildings and Grounds, Nutritional Services, and Safety and Security play in creating the ***preconditions for learning*** to happen...

# Transportation: A Precondition to Learning



## Transportation Services

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**2025-26SY**

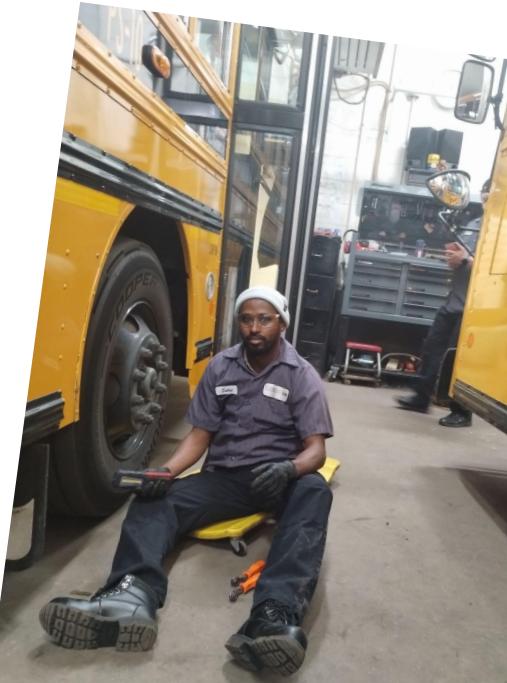
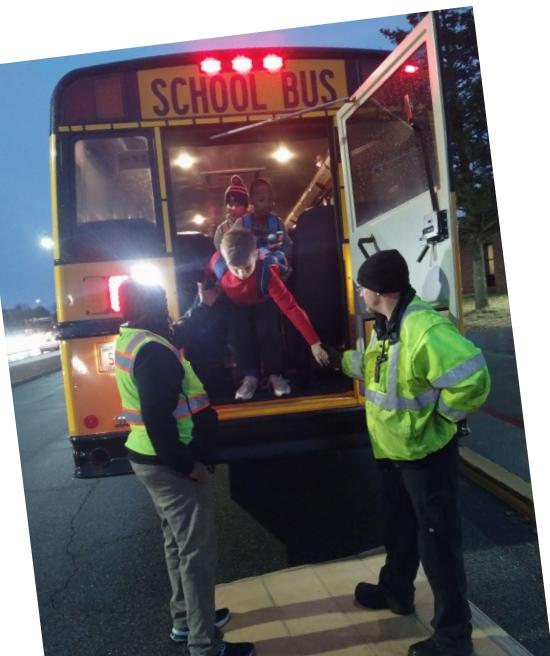
- **18 public schools, 9 non-pub schools, and 1 charter**
- **144 vehicles daily: 85 full size buses, 32 short buses, and 26 vans**
- **Base Hours: 6:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. dispatch and phone**
- **6 transportation contractors**



**Transportation  
Services**

# SAFETY FIRST

- **Background Checks**
- **Annual State Requirements:**  
8 hours safety training, random D&A checks, driving evaluation, evacuation drills, school bus safety curriculum in schools
- **State Patrol vehicle inspections**
- **3:30 a.m. winter weather road checks**



**BE SAFE.  
BE KIND.  
BE YOUR BEST.**

## AT THE BUS STOP

### BE SAFE

Remain a safe distance away until the bus stops  
Wait your turn to load the bus  
Wait for driver's signal before crossing the street  
Wait at designated stop



### BE KIND

Keep hands/feet to self  
Use kind words  
Greet others

### BE YOUR BEST

Be on time  
Be prepared  
Respect Property  
Wait Patiently

St. Cloud Area  
School District 

## ON THE BUS WHILE WAITING & MOVING

### BE SAFE

Stay in your seat  
Keep windows at least halfway up  
Keep aisle clear  
Report concerns to driver (when bus is stopped)

### BE YOUR BEST

Be ready to ride  
Care for the bus & others' property  
Follow driver's instructions  
Store your belongings  
Quite conversations

### BE KIND

Use appropriate words & actions  
Make room for others to walk & sit  
Be a positive role model & school representative  
Greet others & be welcoming  
Respect personal space  
Use kind words & treat others well



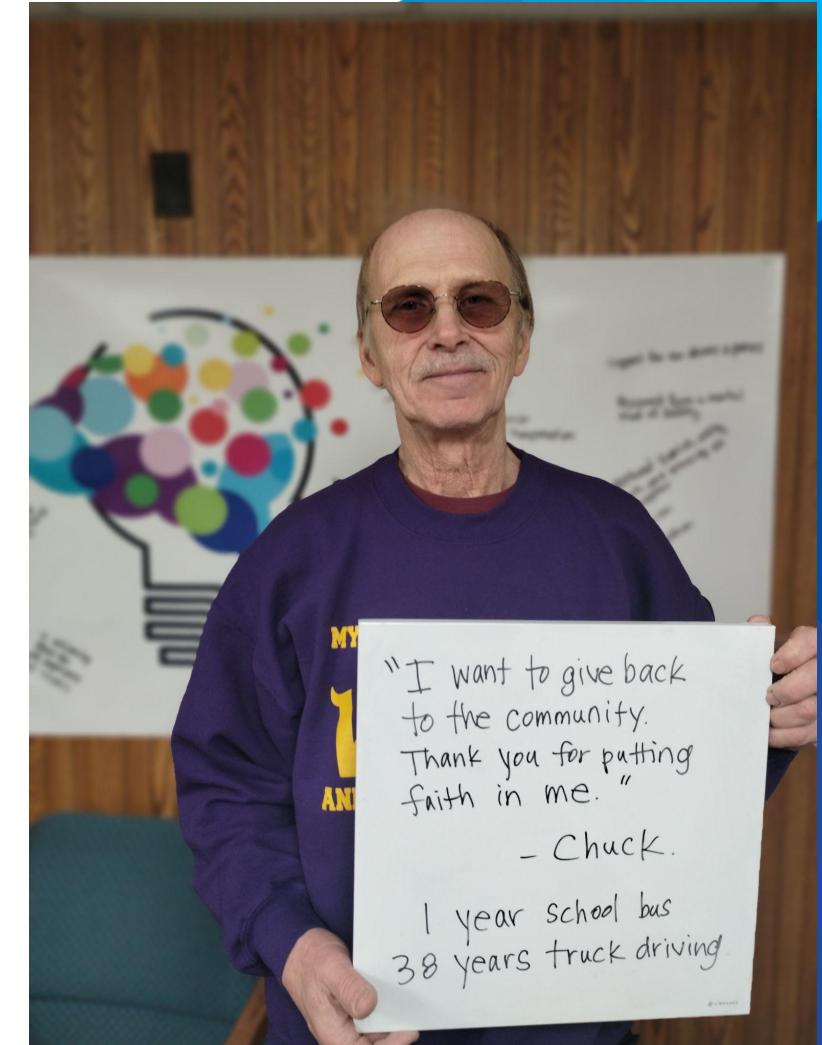
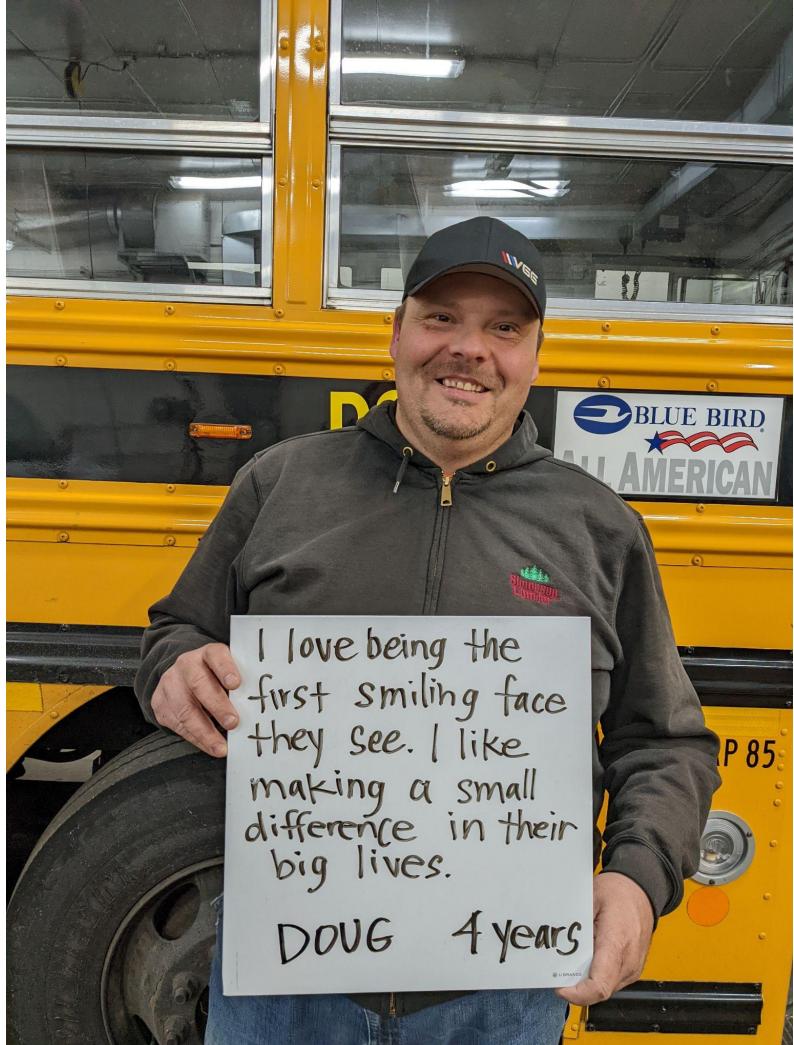
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- Summer Pakrat mobile library with LEAF Organization
- SpEd training for drivers and paras
- Professional Development and growth



# BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY

## FEB. 18th



# Facilities & Grounds



# Spaces Conducive to Learning: A Precondition to Engagement



# Facilities & Grounds



## Spaces Conducive to Learning: A Precondition to Engagement



- Our facilities equate to 2,029,514 sq ft and growing!!!
- 66 custodians cover that space in 18 buildings. Investing 528+ total hours each day in cleaning!
- 12 Engineers who oversee a total of 37 boilers with an equivalent of 3000 mechanical hp!
- 6 full-time grounds personnel currently maintain in excess of 280 acres of sporting and frontage grounds - over 260 sq mi.

# Facilities & Grounds



## Spaces Conducive to Learning: A Precondition to Engagement

### 25/26 Buildings and Grounds Focus



**Establishing a unified vision and identity to the unit:  
“World Class facilities and recognizing those who provide  
that”.**

**Streamlining procedures to harness untapped potential.**  
-HVAC/BAS system/Ticketing methods,  
-Custodial and Engineering SOP's.  
-Establishing Vendor directives, abilities and partnerships.

**Maintenance Methods**  
-Preventative approach vs reactive approach.

**Human Development**  
-Investing in training, time, education and skills to advance  
and develop staff allowing the staff to be a better positioned  
unit for new and advancing environments.

# *Facilities & Grounds*



## **Spaces Conducive to Learning: A Precondition to Engagement**



**Recognizing those who contribute to  
“WORLD CLASS FACILITIES”**

**Engineers, Custodians (Subs), Grounds Staff**

**Operations Team Members**

**District Leadership**

**District 742**

# Nutrition: a Precondition to Cognitive Engagement

## 2024-25 School Year

- Over 680,000 breakfasts
- Over 1.14 million lunches

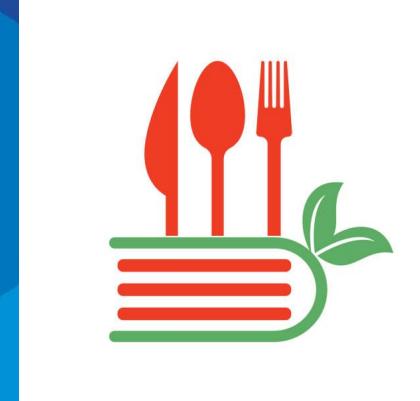
**Research shows that school meals are the healthiest meals that kids eat**

**Always improving our menus and kitchens to provide the best service and food**

- Elementary School serving lines
- Combi Ovens
- Student Taste Testing
- Local Foods



## *Nutritional Services*



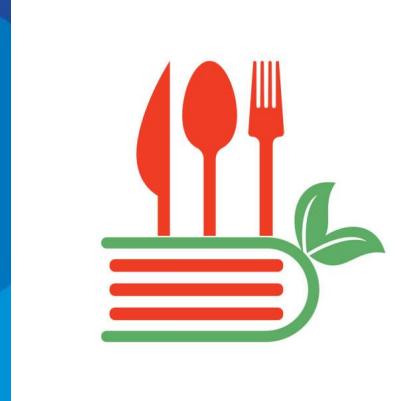


# Nutrition: a Precondition to Cognitive Engagement

- Upcoming Initiatives
- **MDE Global Flavors Handbook Pilot**
  - Recipe testing, student education, community engagement
- Summer feeding for summer school sites
- Exploring partnership with City of St. Cloud for Wasted Food to Energy- 742 Organics



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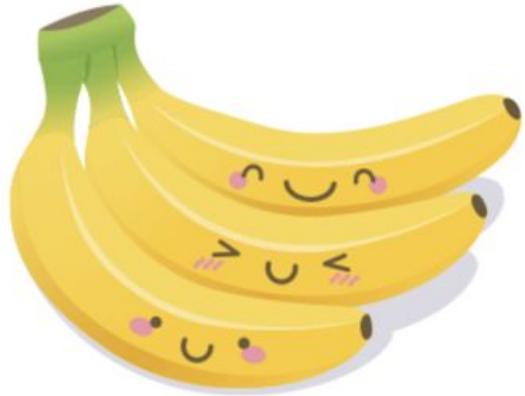




# Nutritional Services



# Thanks a bunch for all you do!



"To all the kitchen staff throughout the district, a deep and sincere 'thank you.'

On these late start and early out days, you all show up for the students in an important and meaningful way. You feed the bellies of the students so they can feed their minds, and you put in the same amount of work and effort, but often in half the time! You are all amazing and I am constantly thankful for the hard work you put in! Thanks!"

*Anonymous*

# Safety and Belonging: Preconditions to Learning



## *Safety & Security*

- **The Security Coordinator position was created in June of 2025 through a Department of Justice grant.**
- **The goal of this position is to create safe and secure learning environments for students and staff of ISD 742.**
- **The Security Coordinator will continue to work closely with ISD 742 students, staff, school administration, district administration, and local law enforcement.**

# Safety and Belonging: Preconditions to Learning



## Safety & Security

- Embracing, training, and encouraging CRISIS GO utilization within buildings.
- Trained active threat to district non-licensed staff, ABE staff, and DAO staff.
- Implementing the Standard Reunification Method for bringing students and families together.
- DAO staff will be trained in 2026 to work on our reunification team.
- Joint active threat training with SCPD and ISD 742 staff.
- Continue security work with the Apollo remodel.

# Safety and Belonging: Preconditions to Learning



## Safety & Security

- I would like to recognize every ISD 742 staff member who has embraced the changes so far.
- I would also like to recognize every school administrator who has embraced the use of CRISIS GO.
- Finally, I would like to recognize Dr. Putnam for taking a chance on implementing a Security Coordinator position for the team.

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Thank you for affording us the time to highlight and celebrate the importance of the work our often silent partners in Operations do to create the **preconditions for learning!**

*Thank you!*

Questions?