

## **TRANSPORTATION BOARD REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2016**

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All 15 propane buses had a recall. They had to order parts to get this work done at Northern Ford in Cutbank.

We been using the new charter-MCI on activities and it is running excellent. It has more seating-54 passenger and this makes it more comfortable.

Propane is a good savings. We pay .89 a gallon for propane and not the 1.80 a gallon for diesel this is the normal price.

We have divided the Boarding dorm route with the Babb route to help with the overcrowding we been having the Dorm route. We are waiting to see if the numbers change in the near future.

We have 2 people that passed their written test to get their passenger and School bus endorsement on their CDL. They have their learners permit now but they have to wait 14 days before they can test drive in a bus. We had to get them appointments do their written test then after they pass we have to make appointments for them to take their driving test. The State changed this and it takes longer now to get the endorsements. They have to wait for their finger prints to be considered to be hired at the board meetings. Even then they have to wait to get on the board agenda to be hired so the process to be a driver is a long wait.

Routes are going good providing we are still short on bus driver's. We are still having some lost students but this is normal for this time of year as the bus driver's and Teacher Aides get better the lost students should start to cut down.

We could use rider's on the buses to help cut down on behavior problems and over crowding on the buses. Mathew Johnson and John Salois is working on the rider issue.

We had a total of 55 activity trips and this concludes our report for the month of September.

