Minidoka County School District **Transportation's Report December 2018**

This has been a busy month. Both office staff and mechanics have been driving most days, we currently have four people out on long term medical leave. Two have been out and two started before we got back from Christmas break. We have one with a broken foot who had to have surgery and another is out with a terminally ill family member. We have hired a new driver that will be taking his skills test January 10, 2019. He looks promising and wants to work. We had a long time driver retire at the end of December after 50 plus years of driving. We want to extend our thanks and gratitude to her - she will be missed. We also have a driver that is planning on retiring in the next week or so. It is a hard time but we are surviving.

Various bus citations this month were issued. They range from refusal to sit down, being rude and disrespectful to the driver and fighting. We had to suspend five kids off the bus for fighting this month.

Our State Inspection was the December 3rd-7th and did not go well. With the changes in our department and various new people, a few things have been overlooked. We learned a lot and have corrected a few things, and are continuing to work on others. We are working on getting passwords for mechanics to submit their own inspections so that things are submitted on time and not missed. We will have a training session on 60 and annual day inspections in the near future. We will be training drivers on pre and post trip inspections, so they are properly done. These will point out commonly missed items that the State has found we have been missing. We do expect things to go back up in the future back to the standard we have had the past few years.

At this time, we have no changes in routes.

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