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To: Board of Education
From: Corrina Horton
Re: Board Report
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Staffing

We are happy to welcome a new driver, **Tifanie Mericle**, to our team. In addition, another new driver is currently in training. Recruitment efforts continue as we work to maintain full route coverage and provide reliable transportation for our students.

Fleet and Inspections

State bus inspections were recently completed with excellent results—**23 green tags and only 1 red tag** for Chelsea buses. We also received **6 green tags** for the buses we service for other districts. The red tag was issued due to age-related issues on one unit.

We have begun receiving delivery of the **four new-to-us buses**; one has arrived, and the remaining three are pending inspection. Once all are cleared, they will be prepared for route use. These additions will strengthen our fleet and reduce the likelihood of age-related maintenance concerns.

A special thank-you to **Tim Newman, Head Mechanic**, for his excellent work preparing the fleet and leading the inspection process. His dedication—along with the assistance of a couple of our drivers—helped ensure such excellent results.

Operations

The installation of the new digital radio system is continuing and will greatly improve communication once fully operational. We are also focusing on preventative maintenance and preparation for colder weather.

Staff Training

Ongoing safety and emergency procedure trainings are continuing as scheduled.

Respectfully,

Corrina Horton

Transportation Supervisor
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