

## Transportation

We are still chugging along with our bus routes, drivers are just trying to make it thru the last few weeks of school. Next year we will have to figure out what we will do, meaning, rezoning all routes. That means longer bus rides for the students and early pick-ups. Our drop-offs will also be later than usual, our buses will have a lot bigger rider capacity, with our bigger routes I will try to not and bother since they are already at full capacity. I will know a lot more this summer.

It really makes sense that we require operation and maintenance staff to get their CDL, working a full eight hours just doing O/M is wasting money and time. Working four hours O/M and driving bus makes a whole lot of sense, that way all our nine routes will be covered, and we would never have shortage of drivers during all our busy activity runs. It would also be wise to require teacher aids to get them too, the more we have in the pool the better we are with Office of Public Instruction.

Passing a Department of Transportation physical is getting difficult because of native people dealing with diabetes and high blood pressure, I have lost one driver to that and expect more in the next few years. The DOT also are implementing New Drug Clearinghouse, the clearinghouse will be a professional CDL database that will serve as a centralized record of all failed drug or alcohol tests, whether from pre-employment screenings, post-crash tests or random tests. So, yeah its getting vary difficult trying to get drivers to drive bus here.

There is a Mandatory 15 Hour Training Program that ALL Bus drivers should attend in Great Falls on June 19<sup>th</sup> to June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019. All training is audited within OPI, so if you do send them the following drivers will attend: **Darrell Sun Child, Ruth Four Souls, JayRon Calf Robe, Corey Chandler, Aaron Aquino and me** if you approve. We need two more drivers to cover the rest of the routes.

## O/M

We will have a busy summer like usual, there are many projects that need to be done before the first day of school. Floors, walls and some minor construction to the junior high bathroom. Mr. St Pierre will have some ideas as well.

Hopefully the gym floor will get replaced, it should be a priority this summer because its not a safe floor to play on.

There are many questions you probably need to ask so feel free to stop by my office in the trailer.

