Minidoka County School District **Transportation's Report** August 31, 2017

Wow where did the summer go!!!

We had two buses this year running Special Needs Summer School. I just wanted to thank the drivers and aides for all their help.

Our wonderful mechanics have been working in a sauna this summer. With the temperatures in the 100's and high 90's they worked like troopers with no air conditioning. Bless their hearts.

Our work orders have been high this month with the buses sitting all summer and now they are running we have to work through the kinks. We have had 61 work orders turned in and the mechanics have all but about five finished. Those buses are waiting for parts. My mechanics rock!!!!!!!

This school year has started off as a blur. We have four open routes and only one sub driver. Luckily we have a driver that is going to be a sub for us this year and can only help us on certain days, but we will take what we can (LoL). I have also had to have two of my mechanics drive and myself, so needless to say it's been hectic.

I have a couple of applicants that are working on their CDL's so maybe there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

This year for our training we had Operation Lifesaver come and talk to us about railroad crossings. The drivers were very impressed by the presentation and had a few suggestions for them to take back to their committee. One was a crossing on Hwy 24 by 300 W. The track has been removed from the mainline and they are now in the process of exempting this track for us.

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