

ESD Transportation October Update 2023

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Transportation Activities for September, 2023

- * We received our 4 new buses on the lot. Mechanics were busy getting the finishing a few details to get them all on the road. As of 9/29/2023 all four buses are on routes now.
- * We sent 3 buses up to Moscow for a college visit and football game. All reports were that the trip went well.
- * We assisted both Shadow Butte and Carberry Elementary in all-school evacuation drills. It was the first time in over 10 years that this has been done. There were a few kinks that we need to work on but that was to be expected after so long. Overall they went pretty well. I suggested that we complete another one sometime this year.
- * Our mechanics were excited to get our shop pickup back. The maintenance supervisor has been using our pickup since June while his was being repaired.
- * All of our routes seem to be settling in and running smoothly.
- * We started busing the Special Education preschool four days a week for the morning students and three days a week for the afternoon students. We are trying a new system this year and only running 2 buses instead of 3 and so far it is working well.
- * I received an email last week from the State Dept. of Ed Transportation that our first student count of the year will take place the week of October 9th - 13th. So I should have some numbers next month.
- * We are excited to have Airport Rd and Salesyard Rd back open. They have had us re-routing for the past 3 weeks.
- * Unfortunately within a 10 day period we had two buses get rear-ended while stopped at railroad track crossings. The good news was there was no one hurt in either accident and there were no students on board yet. The bad news is the time our buses will be out of service for repairs. One is currently in the shop and the other is waiting to go in. Kudos to Brandy Howell (Secretary/Dispatcher) for doing a great job handling both incidents while I was out of town.
- * We still need bus drivers, we started the year understaffed and we are still in need of at least 5 more drivers. We continue to have every single staff member driving and we had our calls transferred to the district office to be answered. (Again a big Thank you Kellie Thomas and Anjee Mattingly for helping us out!)

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