SUMNER SCHOOL DISTRICT
A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN.

DATE: August 9, 2017
TO: Sumner School Board of Directors
FROM: Troy Whitten
RE: Transportation Department

Meeting Type:
- ❏ Board Meeting
- ■ Study Session
- ❏ Special Board Meeting

Report Type:
- ❏ Action
- ❏ Consent
- ■ Information

Purpose of report is to provide general information regarding the operation of the Transportation department.

- Sumner transports approximately 4000 students to and from school each day.
- 400 of those students are in the Special Services program
- Bus fleet currently at 79, and 80 plus transportation staff.
- We currently do 143 routes, and 25 mid-day routes per day.
- Approximate distance traveled per year is 700,000 miles
- WSP bus inspections for the last 10 years have been scored at 95% or better.

Transportation's mission is to align its services to Vision 2020 by:

- Providing students with a Safe and Secure environment as it pertains to their Social/Emotional/Physical well-being.
- Bus Bucks -This year we initiated a new program to promote positive student behavior on the bus. In turn creating fewer bus suspensions, and more students attending school.

Directly affecting Policy No:

- 3240 – Student Conduct Expectations and Reasonable Sanctions
- 6605 – Student Safety Walking to School and Riding Buses

Transportation Department Budget:

- 2016-2017 budget of approximately $4,000,000
- 2106-2017 funding received from the State $3,100,000 $410 per student.

What are the impacts to student performance?

- Ensures access for all students to school, academic support programs as well as extra-curricular programs

Relationship to Equity:

- Help to ensure that all students have no barriers when receiving their education

Benefiting parties:

- Students – improved attendance
- Schools – improved attendance
- District – higher graduation rate

What is working well?

- Collaboration between Departments
- Provide all students transportation to and from school in a safe & secure environment as it pertains to their social, emotional, physical well-being.
- Over 1900 Bus Bucks were given out to students in its first year

Where are opportunities for improvement?

- Would like to see an easier way to identify the location and position of school district staff.
- Safety: provide options as to how we can plan for safe student drop off and pick up locations at school under construction.
- School Input: provide options as to locations of bus loops for new schools and ant transportation concerns.
- Boundaries: collaborate on and help provide options for boundary revision decisions, and bell times for schools.
- Bus bucks: re-evaluate Bus Bucks and look for new ways to get more student buy in
- Efficiency: continued training on the Versatrans routing systems