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Transportation Activities for February 2024



- * So excited to kick off a great start in February with 1 of the trainees passing his CDL requirements.
- * Feb. 2nd-We had a staff training day scheduled. We split our staff and had 15 of our team members attend a CPR class at Valor. A huge shout out to Laurel Whittemore for working with us and setting up the training. The remaining team members had training provided here in our building reviewing procedures and updates provided by one of our trainers. We hope to have everyone through the CPR training by the end of March.
- * Feb. 6th-We received an update from the Idaho Department of Education letting us know the rates have drastically increased on school buses in the last 6 months. For the size buses we have been ordering the cost has increased another \$40,000 per bus.
- * Feb 8th-Buses were out picking up secondary students when we received a call from Mr. Woods that there had been threats made towards the High School and Middle School. The decision was made to return those students back home and close school for the day.
- * Feb. 12th- More excitement in our department as another one of our trainees tested and passed all her CDL requirements. 3 more to go and we will have a full staff once again.
- * Update on the 2 buses that we ordered in August 2024. The latest information is that those 2 buses are expected to roll off the assembly line no sooner than March 2025. It is usually about 3 weeks later when we receive them and a week more for us to do a few things before they are ready to roll out on routes.



- * Feb 20th-We had one of our new buses go up to Bogus Basin that developed a leak in the radiator and lost all the coolant. Unfortunately, we had to have it towed back to the bus shop and wait for a radiator to be delivered from the east coast. Downtime wwill be about 10 days.
- * Feb 26 and scheduled through March 5th- The road closure on S. Substation Road between E 4th Street and E 12th Street has created a slowdown for all buses accessing the Carberry and Butte View schools as well as a few secondary routes. A huge thank you to Clint Seamons and his crew at the City Public Works for staying in contact and helping to make the rerouting of buses run as smoothly as possible.
- * We had 2 potential drivers complete training in February and 2 bus driver trainees who have been studying and training to get their CDLs and drive for us. We are set to interview 2 more potential drivers the first week in March. One has all the required credentials to drive school bus and the other would be starting from scratch. With Spring Sports and Activity Trips starting we are hoping to get them through training quickly.



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