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To: David Bartlett 
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From: Jerry Bowman
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Re: Board Action to approve routes for safety sensitive areas for the 2024-2025 school year.
Waive requirement to activate red signals in designated bus loading areas.

State Department of Education Chapter 20 established rules and procedures for the types of roads that district buses shall travel on. Specific reference is in Section 10 (Operations) part c & d. These sections read as follows:

- (c) A local district may, by official board action, transport students within the walking distance if it finds that there is a physical barrier that would prevent a student from walking to school or a safety hazard that could cause the student harm.

Physical Barriers: Hwy 59, 4-J Road, Westover Road, Enzi Drive, Southern Drive, Boxelder Street, Kluver Street, Butler Spaeth Street and Warlow Drive.

Affected bus routes: 36, 63, 83, 84, 89, 91, 92, 110, 124, and 125.

- (d) School buses shall travel only on city, state and federally maintained streets and roads. County roads shall be high priority maintained roads as designated by the county.
- (i) The local board of trustees may take official action to not operate on these roads based on safety concerns and cost effectiveness.
 - (ii) The local board of trustees may take official action to travel on other roads and driveways for safety concerns.

Affected bus routes: 15, 41, 46, 48, 49, 50, 52, 56, 58, 65, 82, and 129.

- (iii) Official board action must be on a route-by-route basis and renewed yearly.

Request the board's action to approve affected routes, specifically (c) and (d-ii).

Wyoming Statute 31-5-507 states; buses shall be equipped with red visual signals, which shall be actuated by the driver whenever the vehicle is stopped to receive or discharge children in designated bus loading areas. The statute also allows the board of trustees of a school district may waive the requirement in this subsection that school bus drivers actuate visual signals if:

- (i) The board finds the safety of children is not jeopardized; and
- (ii) The bus is not on a public roadway.

Request the board's action to waive actuating red loading lights within Campbell County Schools designated bus loading zones.