# Transportation: Driven to Succeed

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# **Strategic Priority 4**

### **Operational Alignment & Efficiency**

- Internal communication systems that provide employees relevant, timely information and support
- Operating procedures to effectively manage, monitor, and support all District facilities, staff, and initiatives
- Resource allocations that support District priorities and student needs



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## **Internal Communication Systems**

- Relocation of leadership staff to main driver facility to provide easy access and immediate team support
- Redesign of dispatch to better serve drivers and attendants with decreased wait time
- Upcoming monthly training from safety team with topics selected based on driver feedback

# **Operating Procedures**

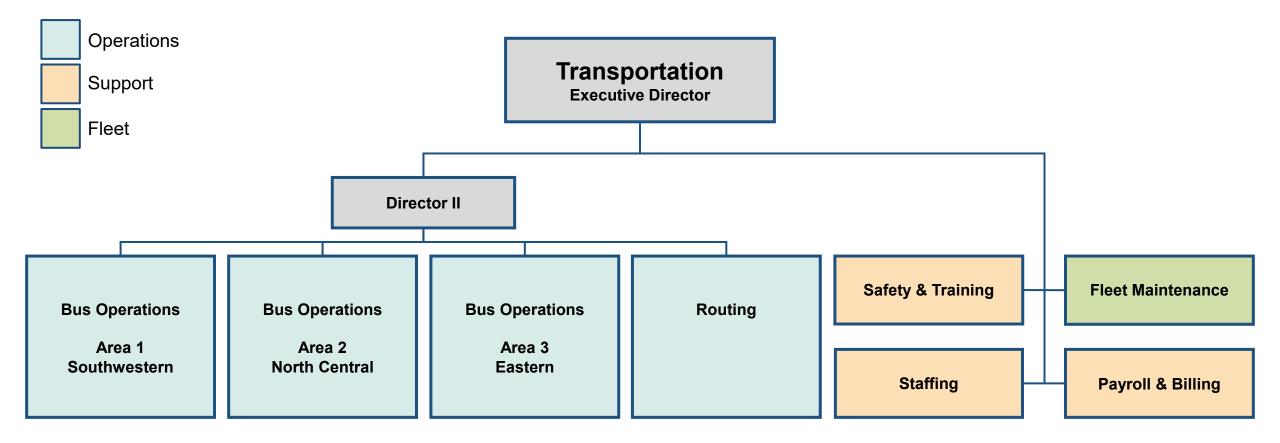
- In Progress: Field trip assignment process redesign with driver and monitor input
- Coming Soon: 2025-2026 Transportation Handbook being developed by driver committee, first major update since 2016
- Coming Soon: Daily Vehicle Condition Report and Behavior Management Report processes

### **Resource Allocation**

Consolidating facilities to maximize utilization, standardize support, and enhance efficiency.



### **Resource Allocation**



### **Priority Goal 4.2**



### **Increase On-Time Bus Transportation**

### **Transportation Management System**

### **Phased Implementation Beginning Spring 2025**

- Optimization: Improved routing efficiency
- Execution: Real-time GPS bus tracking
- Communication: Parent app with route notifications

# **Bus Driver Route Review Team**

- Team comprised of
  veteran drivers
- Review routes for efficiency and effectiveness
- 16 routes identified for consolidation



# **Internal Recruitment & Staffing**

- Current bus drivers recruiting future bus drivers
- Strategic, timely bus driver hiring and advertising
- Weekly job fairs every Wednesday



# **Focus on Employee Retention**



- Providing staff a "seat at the table"
- Department events
- Annual recognition for staff with perfect attendance and accident free drivers

### **New School Start Times**

Additional 10 minutes between elementary and high school start times allows drivers to complete their first route before the next route begins.

2025-2026	
Elementary	7:40 a.m.
High	8:15 a.m.
Middle	9:00 a.m.

# **Rolling Readers Coming Soon!**

- Bus drivers serve as "Reading Captains"
- Audio book soundtrack with
  physical books
- Reading selections by campus level
- Monthly theme and decorated bus interiors

