
RSU 9 TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

APRIL 2022

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Interesting fact about bus inspections:

School buses are inspected biannually by our mechanics and the state police inspect at least annually. This means that each bus has three inspections. In addition we inspect/lube each bus every 1000 miles. In addition to buses, mechanics inspect and service our white fleet consisting of 26 vehicles. Included in the white fleet are maintenance vehicles, white buses, a fire truck and police cruiser, forestry and plumbing vehicles, a food service van, and an ambulance.



Bus ridership has been steadily increasing since the district went mask optional. Spring sports are starting. The in-district field trips started in April while the out of district trips will start in May.

The district workshop held on March 18th was a great hit. The Keynote speaker was well received by all. From all the feedback I received everyone enjoyed the day.

Mud season is back:



Many of our dirt roads within the district have been closed. Because of this seasonal change, adjustments have been made with our pick-up and drop-off times. This happens every year. We have contacted families to let them know about these changes and the new pick-up/drop-off at times at the end of these roads.

Eric Jones on a road call repairing a trip bus Saturday afternoon April 2nd at Messalonskee. In addition Richard Joseph brought a spare bus so the team could be brought home. Team Work.

Current Inventory:

2007 Honda Element 185,172 (selling)

2009 Chrysler Town & Country 229,682 (selling)

2006 Chevy 3500 174,490

2008 Ford F-350 205,769

2006 Chevy 3500 101,691

2011 Chevy Van 91,435

2009 Ford Box truck 52,241, a former used ambulance which our mechanics put a box from a previous truck on.

Currently in the 2023 budget we have \$7,500 for a used ambulance that we also will put a

box on which we have. Going forward we will be working on a replacement schedule.

