

RSU 9 TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021 & 2021-2022

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What we learned 2020-2021 & already knew

- A. Students wore masks, assigned seating, one student per seat (siblings sit together) windows down, hand sanitizing entering and exiting the bus. What we thought going in was a big ask and could this be done? The answer was a big YES! Students and staff did a tremendous job.
- B. Drivers wore masks, had multiple seating charts (blue days & gold days, no Friday's at MBC and then Friday's for some at MBC) bus shields, contact tracing, loading and unloading one bus at a time and cleaning/sanitizing the bus.
- C. Our Driver's traveled 474,111 miles. Includes District miles, out of District and Field trips.
- D. Food was delivered using buses, vans and cars throughout the district.
- E. Mechanics maintain & service over 60 vehicles. Buses, vans, cars, tractors, an ambulance and other district needs.
- F. Received 7 new buses from the Volkswagen settlement & Covid funds. Replaced 5 aged out buses (miles & age).
- G. What we already knew is that RSU9 has the best Drivers, Mechanics and Aides who are the most flexible in any circumstance and adjust to all situations.

TRANSPORTATION DRIVES THE DISTRICT

School Year 2021-2022

Summer Time:

- A. 8 buses transporting EYP students and 2 out of district buses, one travels to Lewiston/Auburn and the other bus goes to Belgrade.
- B. Delivered food throughout the district.
- C. Cleaned inside & out , washed, waxed and detailed over 40 vehicles.

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- A. Buses will be cleaned/sanitized hitting high touch areas after each run and nightly.
- B. Masks for students & Driver by Federal Rule.
- c. Spacing as much as possible.
- D. Seating charts for all school day runs.
- E. Returning to monthly in-person driver meetings.
- F. Attend MAPT (Maine Association for Pupil Transportation) & Regional Bus Driver Training held at MBC.
- G. Attend MAPT Annual Bus Driver Conference Training at Sugarloaf with Districts from all over the state.

2021-2022 Challenges/Concerns

Need spare drivers to support Vacations, Personal Days, Sick Days and Field Trips.