JESD Busing Update

JUNE 14, 2022

Background

- JESD has acquired three new Thomas buses since March of 2021
- During 2021-2022 busing was impacted by three factors:
  - The district was unable to fill the third driver position which left one bus unutilized
  - COVID-19 restrictions limited the buses being able to run at full capacity
  - The district offering one year of free busing increased ridership
- Students with bus passes: 249
- Students on the waitlist at the end of the year: 153

Plan for 2022-2023

STAFFING

- The district had one bus driver retire
- The district has one returning Bustodian (Bus Driver that does some custodial work)
- The district has successfully recruited and trained a new Bustodian to drive
- The district is in the interview process and hopes to hire a new driver this month to ensure that all three positions are filled before the start of school
- The district hired a new full time mechanic and he is currently working on his bus driver's license to ensure we have a backup driver in case of absences
- The district is actively recruiting and planning for substitute drivers

Plan for 2022-2023
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EQUIPMENT

- The district placed an order for a fourth Thomas bus to ensure we have one backup bus
- The district has installed cameras in each of the school buses for student safety
- The district has installed the Zonar system to be able to track the school buses and better plan for future routes

Plan for 2022-2023
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ROUTES

- The Director of MOT and Superintendent will meet in July to review ridership, current routes/stops, and the Zonar data to look for ways to increase the capacity of the busing system.