

Wickenburg Unified School District Transportation Department Ready to Roll

With school only a few days away, the WUSD Transportation Department is all hands on deck. While students and teachers have enjoyed the summer break, the WUSD Transportation Department has been hard at work. Our new district diesel mechanic has been fine tuning our bus engines while our district fleet mechanic has been under the hood of the district vehicles. We've replaced dozens of seat covers, mopped countless floors (thanks to the mid-July monsoon), washed many windows, and updated our website with our current route sheets. You're likely to see a district bus or two rolling down the road as our drivers put the finishing touches on our fleet. Our goal: Ready to Roll come day one.

Our new department Director, Cori Ferguson is looking forward to the new school year. A recently signed, one-of-a-kind, IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) with the Nadaburg School District creates a partnership that allows the two districts to share some buses, routes, and bus maintenance shop space. Cori says that the agreement allows access to tools and equipment that our district has never had access to. This agreement provides us with the means to care for and support our aging fleet.

As the district's financial pressures increase, it becomes more challenging to support our aging fleet. We are looking at every opportunity to improve efficiency, productivity, and contain costs. A transportation software tool is allowing us to reevaluate routes, stops, drive time, distances, and predict the most effective and cost efficient routes. Prior to rolling out our new routes, there will be public meetings so people will have an opportunity to give input.

Mentioned above are just two of the changes the transportation department is implementing. In future articles you will read more about the changes within the WUSD Transportation Department.