

Director of Operations Monthly report January

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Tipton Community School Corporation

Report on January 2020 Activities

Tipton Community Schools Passed CDL Audit-Tipton Community Schools passed our CDL Audit. Once a year State Trooper, Randy McPike audits area schools including Tipton Community School's records related to bus drivers and the drug testing program. Trooper McPike checked Tipton Community Schools records on Monday, February 3, 2020. Tipton Community Schools passed this audit. That means we are testing our drivers frequently enough and keeping appropriate records of driver's licenses, drug tests, and physicals. If a corporation fails the CDL audit, punishments could be ordered to fix the problems immediately, fines could be levied, or even suspension of the ability to transport students. Special thanks to Dawn Benefiel, Central Office secretary and Joyce Monroe, Nurse at Occupational Services at Tipton Hospital. Tipton does not pass this audit every year without these two ladies.

Tipton Community Schools Conducts Queries- FMCSMA (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration) regulates CDL drivers on us highways. Every employer of CDL drivers is required to register with the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse through the FMCSA. Every CDL driver has to register with this site as well. Employers of CDL drivers must conduct queries. A query is a check of drug and alcohol records on drivers. There are two types of queries. The limited. The limited query is a short look into a drivers history. There is also an extensive full query which digs deeper into the past records of the CDL drivers. Currently employers must conduct a limited query on current drivers. A full query has to be performed on all new drivers after 1/6/2020. All drivers must consent for these tests to take place. Tipton Community Schools has registered with the Clearinghouse. Tipton Community Schools is in the process of obtaining consent from drivers to run these queries. Limited queries on all drivers must be completed by the end of this school year.

Leaky Roof Fixed-Hinshaw Roofing fixed the leaky spot over the middle school locker rooms. They replaced broken down decking. Replaced that decking with new decking, and they put a new rubber membrane. Hinshaw raised the deck of the roof, so it would force water to the drain. According to Dan Benefiel, " We should have no more problems with that roof. They did a great job."

Middle School Projectors almost installed-The new projectors are being installed in the middle school. Omni has been running power to each of the units. The installation of the new projectors should be completed in the next week or two.

Visit with Fisher's Department of Public Works-Friday January 31, 2020 I visited the Department of Public Works of Fishers. Currently, The Department of Public Works has a

partnership with the Fishers and Hamilton South Eastern School districts. DPW does all mowing, plowing, landscaping and signage for the schools. The city and schools have an MOU for so much money. This includes Salt per ton, Mowing, plowing, signage, and landscaping. The school pays this fee, and the DPW runs those funds through their financial accounts. The schools do not own any of the equipment. When a weather event occurs, the DPW cleans the schools first and then the roads. Schools are seldom delayed because of the weather. The contract with the schools is a \$500,000 contract. It probably is saving the school that much money. In 2008, when every school was having financial difficulty, the Fishers Mayor made a proposal that they would look at anyway possible to help the schools financially. The vast resources of this community and the school system makes this possible. The next step is to sit down with representatives of the city to introduce them to this idea. Tipton does not have the resources that Fishers has, but an exploratory meeting should be set up to explore ways the city and schools could form partnerships.

Mowing Bids-Tipton Community Schools received only one bid for the mowing. Unique Lawn Care, who took over the mowing process mid-year last year is the one bid Tipton Community Schools Received. I will detail the offer in my recommendation letter for the board to accept this bid.

Spraying bids-Tipton Community Schools received only one bid for the spraying and fertilization of the school grounds. List spraying is our current provider for this service. I will outline the deal in my recommendation letter for the board to accept this bid.