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Planning ahead for the fall

I am currently creating maps of current traffic patterns. According to Dr. Glaze's survey, many parents are going to choose to bring their children to school. I am creating a map to show our current traffic pattern. I am also creating an alternate traffic flow chart that could help with the extra volume of traffic if traffic becomes a problem. I am meeting with Officer Maddox on Wednesday, July 8 to get his opinion and insight on this matter.

Bus pick up and drop off

Robin and I are drafting a plan to have students exit the building in waves. As we are doing this major safety concerns are coming up. We think we have figured a way to ensure student safety. The biggest concern was that buses would be moving while children would be moving, but I think that has been addressed in our plan. Another concern is how to social distance on the big routes. If all kids are required to wear masks and they don't comply are we prepared as a district to take punitive action on a student? There are 19 bus routes not including the Boys and girls club route(s). We have used waves of 6, 6, and 7. When creating our proposal, we will try to approximate how many kids will be in each wave.

Safe Secured School Safety Grant

The Safe Secured School Safety Grant was opened up on Thursday, July 1. The application for this is due July 31, 2020. This grant is a matching grant that can be used for paying the SRO's Salary. Tipton Community Schools was awarded \$50,000 last year, and will receive approximately \$43,000 of that award because Officer Maddox was not at school due to the Covid virus. Salary and benefits paid to Officer Maddox from the school were decreased because of him moving back to the road. I will ask Dr. Glaze and Amy Phillips to help me with this grant to make sure that we have done everything possible to receive as much funding as possible.

Safe Haven Grant-

Ben Freidle, elementary school counselor who is in charge of the Safe Haven Grant informed me that he had not made purchases with that grant. The grant was for \$10,000. Due to being out for the Covid 19 virus, Ben was not able to complete his purchases. The Safe Haven Grant will not award any extensions.

Transportation /New Bus is in -

Tipton Community School Corporation just received our newest bus in the fleet. Kerlin's delivered that bus on Monday. Bus #30 is a special needs bus that will be placed on the Indianapolis Deaf School route as soon as it is plated and inspected by Trooper McPike.

Eric and Mark will begin going over the buses with a fine tooth comb to make sure that they are ready for school to start.

Bus drivers are starting to ask what the year is going to look like. I have assured them that as soon as I know a final plan, I will inform them of this plan.

Moving offices

I have talked to Eric and we are going to begin moving my office to the Superintendent's office the first part of the week. We hope to have it finished by Thursday, July 9.

I look forward to forming a team atmosphere with Dr. Glaze and our amazing staff of administrators. We have some difficult times ahead. It is nice to have a team feel. We are all in this together.