

Director of operations report for February

To: Tipton School Board
From: C.Scott Wessel
Date: 3/9/2021

CDL Audit conducted on February 19

Trooper Randy McPike conducted the CDL audit on February 19, 2021. This is an audit to make sure that Tipton is following state and federal CDL regulations. If there are any violations in the documentation process corrective actions could occur. Corrective actions could be As minor as a letter of corrective action up through fines. Tipton Community School Corporation has been perfect in the last couple of years. This year there was a violation. Anytime a new driver is hired there has to be a pre-employment drug screen. Tipton has not hired any new drivers this year, so I did not do a pre-employment drug screen on any of those employees. The corporation also has to do a Pre-employment drug inquiry with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration(FMCSA) This is required for any employer of CDL drivers across the country. Tipton Community School Corporation did not do a Pre-employment drug screen on Scott Wessel. He is driving a CDL vehicle while working on the premises. Tipton Community School Corporation also did not do an inquiry with FMCSA on Scott Wessel. I did not realize these checks had to be done with anyone who drives one of our busses. At this time, I have taken corrective action by submitting to a drug test at the hospital. Of course, The drug screen came back Negative. I could not do an inquiry with FMCSA because you had to have a CDL to do this. (As you will hear in the next story) I have completed the inquiry on myself and all paperwork is up to date. I have written a letter of correction to Trooper McPike explaining that I did not understand the rule. I thought that those two screens had to only be done if before you paid a driver to drive for the corporation. At this time, The letter of how I resolved the violation seems to be the only course of action that needs to be taken. If that should change, and we have a more extensive review I will let you know.

Mr. Wessel gets CDL to help out.

I was able to resolve the FMCSA inquiry issue because I now have a CDL. It has been months of testing and training with multiple drivers. I had to take the CDL test three times, but I finally passed on Thursday, March 4. I have to wait for a yellow card to be awarded, and then I can

help. As I have reported multiple times, We are way short on substitute bus drivers. When the yellow card comes in, I will try to help with the shortage.

Annual Bus Inspection on 3-8-2021 and 3-9-2021

Trooper McPike will be back on Monday ,3/8/2021 and Tuesday, 3/9/2021 to conduct annual bus inspections which is required by law. I will share the results of the inspection in next month's report.