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SCHOOL BOARD

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: November 3, 2022

TOPIC: 4.2 - Transportation Update PRESENTER: Julie Nielsen, Superintendent REFERENCE TO POLICY/STATUTE: 707 Transportation of Students

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- a. South Washington County Schools provides transportation to students in grades K-12. Those students in elementary schools who live more than one mile from their boundary school receive transportation. Middle school students who live more than 1.5 miles from their boundary school receive transportation and high school students who love more than 2 miles from their boundary schools receive transportation.
- b. The result of the transportation policy is that over 110 regular education transportation are utilized.
- c. Additionally, the District also provides transportation of special education students utilizing over 60 routes.
- d. A route usually consists of three runs as the district employs three tiers of busing based on school start times.
- e. Staffing shortages have caused routes to be cancelled resulting in over 250 students left without transportation.
- f. A transportation task force has been created to address long-term solutions to the shortage of bus drivers.

B. RECOMMENDATION

a. Julie Nielsen will give an update on the state of transportation and what steps are being taken.

