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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Belinda Hoyle currently heads the Transportation Department at Charlotte Public Schools. We have 32 employees in this department. They include 1 supervisor, 2 part-time secretary/dispatchers, 1 part-time mechanic, 1 part-time mechanics helper, 20 bus drivers, and 7 substitute bus drivers.

Our very competent bus drivers safely transport over 1,500 children to and from school each day. They travel more than 2,000 miles daily. We employ drivers for 19 regular routes, one driver transports vocational education students in the morning and the afternoon. In addition to their regular routes, many of the drivers transport students for field trips and some commit to transporting student/athletes to events for an entire sports season. They also occasionally provide bus transportation for our staff, other Charlotte schools and community groups. We have a great team of drivers that are very experienced as all drivers have been driving bus at least 4 years.

The 2 member mechanics group maintains a fleet of 25 busses for Charlotte Public Schools. Each year our busses are inspected by the Michigan State Police. The mechanics staff does an outstanding job of maintaining this fleet of busses as reflected by the State Police inspections. We have received 100% in both 2007 & 2009 and an "Excellent" rating in 2008.

The transportation supervisor and secretary/dispatcher are responsible for plotting bus routes and stops prior to the beginning of each school year. During a routine day, the secretary/dispatcher schedules field trips and requested changes in student's transportation needs. Effective communication with parents and drivers is a major requirement for this position. Sometimes when parents call the transportation office, they are seeking resolutions to student related issues. Initial contact can be stressful for both parties. It often takes a strong, cool person to work through these problems successfully. The secretary in this office also provides personnel and payroll support and is responsible for ordering department supplies. The Transportation Director prepares the department budget annually and ensures they stay within the budget.

Our transportation staff is a group of dedicated, caring individuals who provide an invaluable service to the families in our school district.