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1. Transportation funding updated

Pupil transportation funding calculations have been updated by the Ohio Department of Education. ODE payment reports indicate that regular education funding is now based upon your T1 data submitted in October, and your special education funding is now based on your T2 as filed last August.

Districts can look up their detailed transportation funding calculation at the following link on ODE's website: [funding calculation](#).

After selecting this link, select the most recent date, your district, and then the transportation report. The resulting screen will display your transportation data and funding calculations for regular education transportation. The detailed calculations will show whether you are funded by student or by mile.

These calculations reflect the reduction in the current biennial budget, reducing transportation to the greater of 25% or your district state share.

2. T-1 amendments due January 31, 2019

Ohio Administrative Code 3301-83-01 (G)(6)(a) provides for a recalculation of transportation funding when districts submit a revised T-1 data report on or before the first of February. These are managed by ODE as an amendment to the T-1 you submitted earlier in the school year.

If your routing has been changed or additional students are being transported, consider completing a new T-1 count that is compliant with ODE's instructions (i.e., a

full five-day count) and filing an amendment to your T-1. Contact ODE's pupil transportation office for instructions on reopening your report.

3. CDL Renewal update

In our last communication we informed you about new requirements for CDL renewal. This month we have additional information from BMV to help clarify the process.

In compliance with federal regulations, driver's licenses are being reissued as either a COMPLIANT DL or a STANDARD DL. The difference in the two licenses is the proof of identity provided when the applicant applies for their license.

All CDL licenses are required to meet the federal COMPLIANT DL standards. This is the higher of the two license standards, and results in the requirement to show proof of the following five elements when you apply for your license or license renewal:

1. Full Legal name;
2. Date of Birth;
3. Legal presence in the US;
4. Social Security Number; and
5. Ohio Street address.

A complete summary of the requirements and documents that may be used to meet the requirements can be found on BMV form 2430, available at this link: [License renewal](#).

If you show up at the registrar to apply for or renew your CDL without the supporting documents you will be unable to complete your intended action.

4. HB 338 – school bus driver physicals

The governor has signed HB 338 into law, with an effective date of March 19, 2019. The bill amends RC 3327.10 (B), which includes the list of approved medical officials authorized to administer school bus driver physicals for those drivers NOT subject to department of education rules. The change to the list includes the addition of chiropractors and any other medical examiners included in the national registry list administered by FMCSA.

Due to the structure of this section of code and administrative code, the net effect of this change on Ohio school bus drivers is minimal.

This paragraph in law is limited to drivers not subject to the regulations of the department of education, including the driver physical. The intent of this paragraph is to manage the requirements of drivers for private contractors, who are subject to the rules of the department of public safety. In their rules, specifically OAC 4501-1-08, the state highway patrol requires these bus drivers to meet all the requirements specified

by the department of education in OAC 3301-83-06. By reference, that includes the T-8 physical that is detailed in OAC 3301-83-07.

Contained within the language of OAC 3301-83-07 is a requirement that each employer annually appoint one or more of the following to conduct the examinations in compliance with the rule:

1. A person licensed under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code or by another state to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery;
2. Physician assistant;
3. Certified nurse practitioner;
4. Certified nurse specialist; or
5. Certified nurse-midwife.

Ultimately it is the discretion of the employer to select one or more of the above practitioners to provide T-8 medical evaluations for bus drivers in Ohio.

5. On the horizon . . . assessing student safety at the bus stop

In our next communication we will be asking for your support in assessing the number of motorists that are passing our school buses on a daily basis. This has become a crisis nationally. While there are several initiatives in process to manage this crisis, we need to start with solid data on the size of the problem.

We will be asking you to join us in asking your drivers to count the number of school bus stop violations and then reporting back so we can create a state-wide picture that reflects the size of this problem.

Watch for the forms and instructions to participate in this very important endeavor.

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