

Board Development Topic: Bus Route Development

Date of Board Meeting:

November 17, 2022

Strategic Priority:

- High Quality Teaching and Learning
- Engagement of All Students, Families, and Communities
- Effective Policy and Procedures
- Healthy, Sustainable Physical & Social Environments

Quality Indicator(s):

QI 6.2 – The Director keeps the Board informed about Division operations.

QI 6.3 – The Director provides the Board with balance, sufficient, concise information and clear recommendations for actions items in agendas.

QI 6.6 – The Director ensures high quality management services are provided to the Board.

Information for the Board (10 fast facts):

1. The software used by Good Spirit School Division to assist in the design and analysis of bus route development is BusPlanner, which is a part of Georef Systems, a Canadian software company. BusPlanner has a multitude of tools for analysis, information-sharing, and optimization.
2. Bus route development may vary, dependent on how and when the current routes operate, as well as how a new request arrives for transportation.
3. If numerous changes occur, or we have a great deal of driver turnover in a certain area, the transportation department may look at starting from scratch to optimize routing in an area. When this is done, all stops are analyzed and added to new routes. The transportation department would connect with drivers in the area to determine usable roads and if there are any concerns in the area.
4. The maps below show what an area may look like before and after analysis.



