SPRING GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Overview of Department:

The Transportation Department focuses on providing safe, efficient, and reliable transportation for Spring Grove students while maximizing operational efficiency and responsible use of resources. The department continues to work closely with Krise Transportation to improve routing, streamline documentation, and evaluate current practices and future contract needs.

Key Accomplishments:

1) Route Optimization: Updated bus and van routes over the summer to increase the number of students assigned per vehicle, improve transportation efficiency, and maximize the District's eligible transportation subsidy.
2) Transportation Efficiency: Collaborating with Krise Transportation to reduce paper usage through increased use of electronic transportation documentation.

Current Projects / Initiatives:

1) Transportation Audit: Working with Dr. Wayne McCullough and Krise Transportation through the current audit, including reviewing van park-outs and their potential impact on the District's Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) transportation subsidy.
2) Transportation Contract Review: Continuing to evaluate and refine the current transportation contract while identifying service expectations, operational priorities, and cost considerations for the next contract cycle.

Impact on Students, Staff or Community:

1) Safety and Emergency Preparedness: Completed the first bus evacuation drill in September with all drivers and their currently assigned students to reinforce emergency procedures and student safety.
2) District Vehicle Procedures: Updated procedures for District vans and other vehicles to promote consistent practices, accountability, and appropriate use of District resources.

Challenges / Barriers:

1) Contract: Ongoing contract discussions and preparing for the RFP process while considering the increasing cost of student transportation.
2) Bus terminal: Multiple owners of the terminal facility and property continue to be a challenge for the District. The fuel pumps at the terminal also need fixed, it is currently unknown if it's Krise or the building property owner who is responsible.

Looking Ahead:

1) **Ongoing Operational Improvements: Reviewing transportation practices, procedures, and oversight to identify efficiencies, improve service delivery, and ensure responsible stewardship of District resources.**