

# OPERATIONS OVERVIEW – AS OF NOVEMBER 15, 2017



## FACILITIES & SAFETY

- In early November, we had an in-service for staff at both campuses to identify the three key response actions: *evacuation, shelter-in place and lockdown*. We have scheduled the appropriate Tornado and Fire Drills, and in December we will have a Lockdown Drill. At the staff-only School Improvement Day in February, everyone will receive Active Shooter training at their respective campus.
- The landlord is currently fixing one non-functioning boiler at Marine.

## FOOD SERVICE

- During October, we served 4,250 total breakfast meals, in addition to 8,070 lunches. The total reimbursement claimed we submitted to the State for October totaled \$29,723.81.
- For October, the total Free and Reduced lunch percentages totaled 60% across the school (with 377 students qualifying for free lunches [54%] plus 42 students [6%] qualifying at the reduced rate). 281 of our students (40%) paid full price for our meals in October.

## STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

- For October, First Student Bus transported our students for 21 days, totaling \$69,229.81. We also submitted a credit for \$650.00 to First Student for late buses.
- Knowing that transportation is one of the biggest outlays that SLLIS incurs each month, we did a School Bus Transportation study in coordination with our contracted bus service, First Student, Inc. The main goal was to identify any opportunity to re-route buses and/or consolidate stops to potentially reduce the total number of buses. Some of the initial findings are the following:

SLLIS currently has **532** students enrolled with First Student to take the bus. The majority enrolled do not take the bus:

**244** students take the bus in the morning  
(45% of total First Student enrollment, 35% of total SLLIS student body)

**290** students take the bus in the afternoon  
(54% of total First Student enrollment, 41% of total SLLIS student body)

**165** students are "ghostriders", with zero times taking the bus during

(31% of total First Student enrollment, 24% of total SLLIS student body)

**38** students ride the bus one to two times a week  
(7% of total First Student Enrollment, 5.4% of total SLLIS student body)

As a result of these findings, First Student is able to re-route buses and decrease our total buses from 11 to 9 this school year. Once this occurs, SLLIS will have a monthly cost saving of \$12,000.

The next step in this study will be to send letters home to all 165 students identified as riding buses zero times but with an assigned stop. Parents will have the opportunity to appeal the elimination of their bus stop before they are removed from the ridership list. Then, if parents appeal and are kept on the ridership lists, SLLIS will continue to verify with First Student if ridership is occurring. However, if those students still not take the bus, SLLIS will then move to eliminate the bus stop entirely and will send final notification to parents.

We are also examining how to best structure buses for next year to meet the needs of both students and the financial ability of SLLIS, and do anticipate another slight reduction to routes.

## DEVELOPMENT

- SLLIS was awarded \$5,000.00 from Wells Fargo Foundation and \$10,000.00 from the Ameren Corporation Charitable Trust. Both grants are going to support our new personalized learning platform of iReady (English and Math).
- SLLIS had a fall sale fundraising "EPI Winter Holiday Gifts". The estimated profit is around \$2,500.00. These funds will be used to help offset the development of the new SLLIS website and app.