



WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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TO Board of Education
FROM Karen Apostoli, Executive Director of Business & Operations
DATE September 3, 2026
SUBJECT FY27 Transportation Update

This memo is:

- ☒ Information only.
- ☐ Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board consent.
- ☐ Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: June 18, 2026

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- ☐ in previous Board packet(s) dated:
- ☐ or attached to this memo

Basic Information/Overview

Transportation is always inconsistent at the beginning of each school year. It is expected that buses will run late while drivers and students adjust to the newly established routes and times.

What D33 is experiencing is far more than inconsistent transportation. Currently, IL Central has reported being short 16 drivers to cover established D33 routes.

Combined Routes:

Routes at Leman Middle School, Currier Elementary School, and Indian Knoll School are being combined for at least the next two weeks as they work to get new drivers.

Special Needs:

We continue to have buses for special education students arrive without the proper equipment and/or a monitor. Student pickups/stops are being missed, including those placed at out-of-district schools.

Navigation/GPS:

The full support of the GPS navigation is not being used. There are still “bugs” being worked out with regard to navigating. As a result, schools are printing routes for substitute drivers on occasion.

	Communication: We continue to experience a lack of communication. Communication is often rushed and confusing, indicating the level of “chaos” within the dispatch.
Strategic Plan Goal Alignment	Goal 5: SMART Resources
Background or historical information	IL Central has struggled to provide quality transportation during the previous five years (or more). Representatives of IL Central committed to improved service (including, but not limited to: timely routes, a working parent App, and the use of GPS driving technology) when the Board approved the new contract in Spring 2026.

Previous decisions, actions or parameters that relate to this topic or issue	
Recommendation	
Other Questions	