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Muncie Schools' Continues to Assess Transportation

Michael LaRocco, IDOE Director of School Transportation spent the day in Muncie observing the procedures and processes in place. Mr. LaRocco stated that, "I would see today as a normal start to a school year considering all the changes that have taken place. Not perfect, but the kids arrived at school and back home safely."

District spokesperson Ana Pichardo said, "We are hopeful many of the issues from last week have been resolved, but we will continue to revise and improve the transportation routes on a daily basis for the next couple of weeks."

MCS administrators and transportation employees worked both days the district was closed last week and over the weekend to address the issues that plagued transportation the first day of school last Wednesday.

Glitches are a normal part of the start of school for any school district, which the MCS website addresses in the following statement on the website Transportation page:

"During the first two weeks, we ask for your patience as drivers are learning their roadways, their times, learning their students/families, and traffic patterns. In the afternoon, it takes longer the first two weeks as schools are learning which students ride which buses. It takes about two weeks for your child's driver to be acclimated with their route. We ask for your patience during the first few weeks."

"There are many working parts that have to synch up in a normal year," Pichardo said. "This year, with a new company, we expected busing to be a greater challenge at the start. We are committed to working together on any remaining concerns after today, so that families can be confident their children will be safely transported to and from school."

Parents are encouraged to check the MCS website Transportation page for updates and information.

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