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To: Denise Harwood and the Smithville R-II Board of Education  
From: Robert Hedgecorth  
Date: September 16th, 2022  
Re: Transportation Contract Modification

The Smithville School District has been collaborating with DS Bus Lines to review the Transportation contract in an effort to recruit/retain bus drivers and improve communication to parents. All proposed modifications to the contract would go directly towards an increase in bus driver salary and an additional position for routing/dispatch. DS Bus Lines currently does not have enough drivers to handle the current routes needed to transport students for the HS/MS and Elementary routes. In an effort to compensate for a lack of drivers, DS Bus Lines is having to combine and double drop routes in an effort to transport all students. The Transportation Director is also driving full-time due to the bus driver shortage and is not available to handle routing issues or questions from our parents that involve transportation. The contract modifications would be prorated for this school year if approved. We believe the contract modifications presented will help improve the number of drivers employed by DS Bus and improve transportation service and communication for our District.