



Building Bright Futures

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Dear CSPTA Members,

At the CSPTA Feb 25th Legislative Committee Meeting at Boulder, there was discussion regarding the proposed change in the Preventative Maintenance Program Minimum Criteria. See below:

2251-R-15.00 Preventative Maintenance Program Minimum Criteria

15.01 The district/service provider shall ensure that preventative maintenance is performed and documented on all school transportation vehicles. The preventative maintenance inspection on air brake systems shall include, as a minimum, that the brake rod travel has been checked and recorded. The applied pressure method shall be used.

15.01(a). The inspection interval program shall not exceed 4,000 miles for school buses equipped with a manual slack adjuster air brake system.

15.01(b). The inspection interval program shall not exceed 6,000 miles for school buses equipped with an automatic slack adjuster air brake system.

During the discussion Bruce Little asked for a show of hands on who would support this change. Over three quarters of the room raised their hands in favor of this change.

Being a minimum standard you can change to the 6,000 (with auto slack adjusters) if you want or stay at the 4,000 mile if you don't. This proposed change did not make it into the final draft. If you **support** this change please email me (mhorner@jeffco.k12.co.us) with your contact information (name, school district, position, etc.) stating your support of this change. I only need one sentence. I will create a list of supporters for presentation to CDE at the hearing on March 10th.

I need your response by end of day March 9th.

Also discussed was the proposed elimination of the exception to the 4 wheel pull on an annual for buses with retarders.

2. School transportation vehicles equipped with a retarder meeting the specifications of the CDE Minimum Standards, 301-25, shall have two (2) wheels (one front and one rear) pulled which are different than those pulled for the previous inspection.

If you **oppose** this change and want to **keep** the option of pulling only two wheels on an annual please email as stated above.

It fascinates me how we all do the same thing (provide safe efficient transportation) but we do it differently.

I am supporting the above because it offers options to school districts. We know, at Jeffco, from our experience, professionalism, and dedication to safety neither of these two items will sacrifice safety.

I have confidence in your professionalism, experience, and dedication to safety and that you will know what to implement into your program. Therefore I support the options so districts can make that decision. Once again these are minimum standards.

Thank you for your consideration of these two items.

Kind Regards,

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