



# Akron Public Schools

## Administration Building

May 17, 2018

Dear Board Member:

RE: Transportation Update – Northeast Ohio Regional Bus Rodeo – 4/21/2018

Akron Public Schools has been an active participant for a number of years in the Northeast Ohio Regional Bus Rodeo. This event allows school bus drivers to participate in demonstrating their knowledge and skills in the proper operation and use of a school bus. The competition consists of one written test, one special education securement and eight (8) driving maneuverability tests using a regular school bus. Akron Public Schools supplied 10 BlueBird transit buses to assist with the competition while Youngstown Public Schools supplied 10 Thomas C2 conventional buses.

At the April 21, 2018 event, Akron Public Schools had sixteen (16) staff members participate at different levels: 5 drivers competed, 3 drivers acted as judges while 8 others, including Mr. Andexler, were support staff for the setup prior to and working during the competition. Fourteen (14) different school districts from across the Northeast Ohio area participated in the rodeo.

Mr. Andexler and I are very happy to report the following event results:

- Andrew Doyne placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and received Rookie of the Year. This is an accomplishment as this was Andrew's first year competing!
- Katara Allen placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall during her first year in participating in this event.
- Tesa Lamb placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall.
- Leslie Fair placed 9<sup>th</sup> overall during her first year in participating in this event.
- Trina Taylor placed 26<sup>th</sup> overall.

APS bus drivers that placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> moved on to compete at the State Rodeo which occurred on May 5, 2018. The APS driver who placed 9<sup>th</sup> was one of only three alternates that would be allowed to be included in the State Rodeo should an opening occur.

- The APS team that included Andrew Doyne, Katara Allen, Tesa Lamb, and Trina Taylor won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the team competition.
- APS also was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place for their team outfit.

Akron Public Schools outshined other teams as this is the second year in a row that our drivers were awarded:

- Rookie of the Year
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Outfit awards.

Repeat wins are an unusual occurrence.

At the Board Meeting of Tuesday May 29, 2018, the participating APS staff and Mr. Andexler will be present during the meeting to share their success at the Northeast Ohio Regional Bus Rodeo with everyone in attendance.

If there are any questions, please contact Bill Andexler, Debra Foulk or the Superintendent.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
Business Affairs