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## **Waterford Board of Education Approves Wage Increase for Bus Drivers**

**July 28, 2017, Waterford, Mich.** – In an effort to retain and attract permanent bus drivers, the Waterford School District Board of Education voted on July 20 to increase wages. The new rate is \$17 per hour, an increase from the starting wage of \$14.14 per hour. Substitute bus drivers' new rate is \$14 per hour, an increase from \$13 per hour.

The Waterford School District's Transportation Department currently employs 46 permanent bus drivers and 18 substitute bus drivers. The District is looking for candidates to fill 5 additional permanent positions and 10 substitute positions. Of the District's approximate 9,300 students, about 5,226 utilize busing during the school day.

Through a variety of marketing efforts, the District worked last school year to rectify the critical shortage of bus drivers that many school districts are facing. "We are hopeful that the increase in the hourly wage will attract new bus driver candidates and retain the quality bus drivers we already have on staff", says Superintendent Keith Wunderlich.

Qualified candidates can apply on the Waterford School District's website at [www.wsdmi.org](http://www.wsdmi.org), under the employment tab. Flexible schedules and a competitive benefits package is available. No experience is necessary. CDL training is provided.

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