First day of school at MCS running smoothly

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MUNCIE, Ind. — Ball State President Geoffrey S. Mearns, other university employees and school board members greeted Muncie Community Schools’ students at the front doors of their school buildings on the first day of school Monday.

"We're off to a good start," school board member Mark Ervin said outside the entrance to Southside Middle School.

School officials reported no significant transportation problems involving yellow school buses or Muncie Indiana Transit System (MITS) buses. The Star Press received only three transportation complaints: running late, tired of waiting so drove child to school, and closest MITS bus stop eight-tenths of a mile away.

MITS General Manager Larry King estimated that about 120 Northside students would be changing in the morning and again in the afternoon.

MITS took over transportation of middle school students to help the financially recovering school district cut expenses. Ball State began governing the school district on July 1 under a new state law.

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