



## Transportation Report for March 2026 School Board Meeting Highlighting February 2026 Activities

Department:	Transportation
HR Business Services Committee:	03.09.2026
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### Manager's Minutes:

- The transportation department is undertaking several cost-saving initiatives. These include implementing strategies to recapture some field trip costs and setting idle timers on buses to reduce fuel consumption. Furthermore, the department is collaborating with Special Education (SPED) to combine midday routes, which will improve the efficiency of both bus and driver utilization.

### What We're Working On:

- **Fleet Maintenance:** Ensuring the continued proper operation and road-readiness of all buses and vans.
- **Field Trip Management Software:** Ongoing refinement of the field trip software to better align with departmental needs.
- **Field Trip Accounting:** Improvements to field trip accounting procedures for more effective and comprehensive recapture of motorcoach upcharges.

### Upcoming Changes/Improvements to the Department:

- **AI-Powered Dash Cameras:** A trial is underway for AI-powered dash cameras in select buses. A key feature of this technology is the ability to retrieve video footage instantly ("on the fly").
- **New Communication Tool:** We are exploring a new communication tool designed to enhance support by:
  - Creating a ticketing system for email inquiries.
  - Implementing a chatbot on the district website to handle frequently asked questions (FAQs).

### Staffing Report:

- We have our drivers and helpers all trained and working to fill all of the routes daily