

Transportation Report February 2021

The ISD #709 Transportation Department manages both a district owned fleet of vehicles and district employees, including bus drivers, monitors, and mechanics, along with the coordination of contracted transportation services through Voyageur Bus Company.

In January, the radio project continued and all radios were installed in buses. The conversion to digital is being finalized. This will help with better communication between drivers and between drivers and buildings.

Elementary full routes have begun with elementary students on a 5-day schedule.

Targeted educational supports happening in the secondary buildings are utilizing bus hubs in order for students to have an option to get to school. Middle schools will be starting February 9.

Meal hubs continue, and more bus trips are being scheduled in February.

The secondary hybrid model transition will require much work to coordinate transportation. Meetings are being set up to talk with building leaders and working with our bus contractor to find out what capacity we have to transport students. Student survey results will be key. Secondary students will need to be changed in the system to represent hybrid days which will be a big project.

The transportation department will be posting and hiring for a router position due to an opening.

The transportation manager works closely with the Superintendent to determine safe busing based on weather conditions.

Cold weather conditions required several buses being jumped.