

## **Transportation Report August 2022 Activities**

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.

We started the year at least three drivers down. We have hired one new driver in the month of August. COVID continues to be a concern, due to quarantine time.

In terms of COVID response, drivers have access to a Hudson sprayer with Virex to be used between routes for disinfection. Additionally, they have alcohol wipes for their own disinfection purposes. All drivers have access to two electrostatic sprayers as well.

The Transportation department uses Versatrans as its student transportation software. The department is busy building and/or updating about 434 routes and coordinating with Voyageur. Our department is looking forward to the implementation in November/December of Transversa for routine. There are *many* updates daily.

- 32 trips in August, 2022
- 51 scheduled so far for September, 2022

ELDT is still and will likely continue to be troublesome for some time. ELDT stands for Entry Level Drivers Training. It is a new requirement by the FMCSA (Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration) that started on February 2nd of this year. Basically, the new requirement makes us train drivers to a different standard than we have for many years and adds in training that is not specific to bus drivers, or training that has not been required in the past.

The Transportation Department is still waiting on the arrival of two new buses. The order has been received by the vendor, and we anticipate arrival in March of 2023.

Maintenance on non-transportation vehicles “under 5” is ongoing. The department recently completed maintenance on four non-transportation vehicles. Routine general bus maintenance is ongoing (wiring/electrical, brakes, stop arms, belts, etc.). A&B scheduled maintenance inspection continues as well. Preps are underway for a State inspection coming early August (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>).

The average fleet age is 7.4 years. Current average mileage is 73,500 (goal is 50,000 – 60,000).