

## **Transportation Report December 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 continue to await the arrival of our two new buses which are expected to be delivered in March.

We are transitioning to using Traversa for routing. Implementation is expected in February. Transportation currently uses Versatrans for routing. Our department continues to navigate daily changes in routing per school requests.

There are daily changes on a total of 434 individual routes (routing, day changes, time changes, etc.).

### Staffing (comments and concerns)

- In December we had a long-time driver retire which brings us to a no extra drivers and one helper short
- Glenn Tjaden was hired on as a mechanic which opens another driver spot.
- Steve Johnson is now gone and no replacement as of this writing

### Bus Maintenance

- Scheduled maintenance has begun again with Glenn on the fleet.
- Jump starts have occurred on a few occasions with the early cold weather.
- Gen maintenance has also begun with having a mechanic again.
- Glenn is only able to work on busses between his route coverage at this time

The average fleet age is 7.5 years. Current average mileage is now over 76,000 (goal is 50,000 – 60,000).

Steve Johnson started training me in some of my responsibilities but left before much was accomplished. Steve was also training Deb P. to train new drivers but also did not finish. So, we currently we have no one to do training, but Voyageur has agreed to help if we need it.