



**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 595
East Grand Forks, Minnesota**

PROCLAMATION - School Bus Driver Appreciation Day – February 18, 2026

WHEREAS, school bus drivers in Independent School District No. 595 safely transport our students to and from school and activities each day, often in challenging weather and traffic conditions; and

WHEREAS, these highly trained, dedicated professionals are entrusted with the safety and well-being of dozens of students on every route, serving as the first and last school-related adult many students interact with each day; and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers play an essential role in supporting student success by ensuring that all children—regardless of family schedule, distance, or transportation access—can reliably attend school; and

WHEREAS, students are significantly safer riding in a school bus than in a passenger vehicle due to rigorous driver training, strict safety standards, ongoing student safety education, and continued investment in safe fleet operations; and

WHEREAS, school bus transportation is the largest form of mass transit in Minnesota and a critical part of our community's infrastructure, supporting families, schools, and local employers; and

WHEREAS, Independent School District No. 595 recognizes the ongoing need to recruit and retain qualified school bus drivers, and deeply appreciates the individuals who choose to serve our students and community in these meaningful roles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 595 does hereby recognize Wednesday, February 18, 2026, as:

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY

in Independent School District No. 595, and encourages students, families, staff, and community members to join in expressing gratitude to our school bus drivers for their professionalism, commitment, and service.

Proclaimed this 9th day of February, 2026

Lynn Brott, President