

Hallsville ISD Transportation Department

Board Report – September 2026

1. Overview & Operations

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year. Operationally, our fleet is in great shape: we have received all 10 new buses from Thomas Bus Sales. Nine of these buses are already on active routes, and the final bus will be on the road shortly once camera installation is fully completed.

2. Staffing & Driver Training

Our driver training pipeline continues to yield positive results. Two new driver trainees recently passed their CDL exams and are now actively driving daily routes. As a result, all of our bus routes are currently covered. Additionally, we have two more individuals currently in training to obtain their CDLs. Maintaining this pipeline is critical, as we anticipate several team members will be out for extended periods in the near future due to scheduled medical procedures.

3. Ridership & Student Discipline

Due to high temperatures, local practice schedules have been modified. Consequently, more students are taking the bus home in the afternoons rather than staying late for extracurricular practices. This temporary increase in afternoon ridership density has led to a slight uptick in student discipline issues earlier in the term than usual. We are actively monitoring and managing these route dynamics to ensure safe and orderly transport.

4. Facility & Construction Update

Progress on the new facilities and construction is coming along very well. The transportation department continues to coordinate and adapt to stay out of the construction crew's way as they work. We appreciate how quickly things are moving along and look forward to the completion and utilization of the updated facilities.

5. Closing Remarks

On behalf of the entire Transportation Department, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Board of Trustees for your continued support, time, and dedication to our staff, students, and district.