



Transportation Report for January 2026 School Board Meeting Highlighting December 2025 Activities

Department: Transportation
HR|Business Services Committee: 01.12.2026
Regular Board Meeting: 01.20.2026
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Manager's Minutes:

- Our commitment to safely transporting Duluth students remains our focus, as we continue to navigate the daily challenges of school bussing. The dedication of our driving team is truly commendable; they consistently demonstrate professionalism and resilience, which positively impacts our students' daily experience.

What We're Working On:

- Our focus remains on updating student routing and diligently checking for potential errors. Bus and van maintenance is actively managed by our mechanics to ensure continuous operation. Furthermore, we are conducting ongoing training for new bus and van drivers as recruitment needs arise.

Upcoming Changes/Improvements to the Department:

- Our ongoing commitment to driver training, which focuses on enhancing efficiency and skill, has resulted in the highest volume of accomplished training in many years.

Staffing Report:

- Our driver trainee passed his test and is now licensed as of Dec. 23rd
- We have two new trainees that started the first week of January

Stats in the Spotlight:

- We currently run 29 buses out of Transportation, and our average mileage on those are 100,141 miles