

## **Transportation Report March 2024 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.

Our department continues to navigate daily changes in routing for general ed and Sped busing. We are working in the new system and are moving toward the fully automatic capability in it.

We had 82 field trips completed in March.

### Staffing (comments and concerns)

- Staffing has continued to be a challenge as we are still a short two helpers and remain short on drivers.
- Assistant Manager, Joe Killian, has been dealing with staff and their concerns and occasionally has to sub a route.
- We now have David Fox licensed, he is helping train and also subbing on routes which has helped us to cover runs when drivers are out.

### Bus Maintenance

- The mechanics are working hard to keep up with the demands of repairs and maintenance.
- We received now have the last two purchased busses running as spares so the mechanics can work through issue as they arise.
- We now have 10 vans that are being readied for service at the schools.

Our oldest bus is a model year 2012 and the next oldest is a 2014. We did not get an average mileage for this month, one will be on the next month's report.