

## **Transportation Report September 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.

We have continued working on routing students. This is an ongoing effort as students' needs change. We are also working through the behavioral issues on buses with students. We have pulled a lot of video footage to share with the schools so they can address the concerns. Drivers have provided numerous misconduct reports already this year.

### Staffing (comments and concerns)

- We are making due with the staff we have but still need more drivers and helpers.
- We have interviewed a helper and two drivers the helper is due to start mid-October and the drivers are in the background check stage.

### Bus Maintenance

- The mechanics are maintaining the buses when they are not out covering for sick drivers.

Our oldest bus is a model year 2012 and the next oldest is a 2014. Average mileage for this month is 85631. Our goal is to have 50-60k miles average.