

## **Transportation Report August 2023 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 are working with the new software now fixing issues with routes for the 23-24 school year.

### Staffing (comments and concerns)

- Staffing has continued to be a challenge as we are still a few drivers short and now we still need a helper as well.
- Joe has been doing a great job as a supervisor, he is catching on and works very well with everyone.
- We have a few new or returning drivers but also lost another one just before school.

### Bus Maintenance

- Buses are still having issues due to age and rust, we have 2 that are not worth fixing as the rust is too far.
- Currently we are borrowing 2 buses from Voyageur just to make sure we can cover our routes.
- Having the buses stored indoors now and having the dedicated wash bay should help with these issues in the future.

Our oldest bus is a model year 2010 and the next oldest are three 2011's. Current average mileage 93,842 and this is with our two new buses bringing it down a bit (goal is 50,000 – 60,000).