

## **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.

Our department continues to navigate daily changes in routing per school requests for the summer school sessions. We are transitioning to the new software now and are starting to enter 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 need a helper as well.
- The mechanics and myself went to Train the Trainer this year, we all benefited greatly from this conference.
- We have hired a supervisor instead of the assistant, he has 27 years of school bus experience 24 with the district.

### Bus Maintenance

- DOT inspections are in process
- We continue to deal with an aging fleet and the many issues that brings, we have multiple buses that are scheduled for larger repairs with Mid state but they are still backlogged and can only get one done every few weeks for us.
- We have drivers helping clean and ready the buses as well.

Our oldest bus is a model year 2010 and the next oldest are three 2011's. Current average mileage 92,649 and this is with our two new buses bringing it down a bit (goal is 50,000 – 60,000).