



January 2026 Transportation Board Report: Hallsville ISD

I. Executive Summary

The Hallsville ISD Transportation Department is pleased to report a **successful and safe month** of operations. We concluded the 2025 calendar year on a high note, with all routes running efficiently and safety protocols strictly followed. As we transition into 2026, our primary focus remains the unwavering safety of our students and staff. We look forward to another successful year of serving our community and supporting the educational mission of the district.

II. Fleet & Equipment Updates

We are making significant strides in modernizing our fleet to ensure reliability and comfort for our students:

- **Enterprise Order Completion:** We have officially received the final units of our **2025-2026 Enterprise order**. These vehicles are being integrated into our rotation and will help reduce maintenance overhead.
- **New Bus Procurement:** To maintain our replacement cycle and meet growing district needs, we are currently finalizing a proposal for **new bus orders**. We are bringing this to the Board for approval this month. These additions are vital for keeping our fleet under warranty and equipped with the latest safety technology.

III. Personnel & Department Growth

Our team is the backbone of our operations, and we are working diligently to ensure we have the right support in the shop:

- **Mechanic Recruitment:** The search for a new mechanic continues. We are pleased to report that we have several **qualified applicants** currently in the pipeline.
- **Next Steps:** Interviews are scheduled for this week, and we hope to have this critical position filled shortly to ensure our preventative maintenance schedule remains ahead of schedule.

IV. Strategic Focus: Safety First

As we navigate the winter months, our department's "Safety First" initiative includes:

- **Pre-Trip Inspections:** Extra emphasis on cold-weather startups and lighting systems.
- **Driver Awareness:** Briefings on East Texas winter road conditions and defensive driving.

- **Zero-Incident Goal:** Maintaining our commitment to a month-over-month reduction in preventable incidents.

Summary of Key Stats

Metric	Status/Update
Safety Record	100% successful/safe month completed
Fleet Status	2025-26 Enterprise Order 100% Received
Staffing	Mechanic interviews in progress
Future Planning	New bus order pending Board approval

Closing Statement

The Transportation Department is energized by the progress made in 2025 and is fully prepared for the opportunities ahead in 2026. We appreciate the Board's continued support of our fleet and personnel needs.

Thanks,

Roy Presley

Director of Transportation