

Dear School Board members,

Tonight, I am happy to celebrate our District Transportation Department and partner Voyageur Bus Company. They work hard to get our students to and from school safely every day!

Together, this great team has a big job. Each year, they help plan routes for over 5,700 students. They run more than 350 bus routes and drive over 1.2 million miles!

Yellow school buses travel our roads in all kinds of weather. This takes careful planning, hard work, and a big focus on safety.

One of our principals said this was the easiest start to a school year for transportation they have ever seen! This success happened because of work that started three years ago.

The team started using a new computer program to create more efficient bus routes. They also meet every two weeks to solve problems, keep talking, and listen to feedback from staff.

Keeping our children safe on their way to school is a key part of our work. The care and hard work shown by our route planners, office staff, and bus drivers give our families peace of mind every single day.

Please join me in saying thank you and congratulations to our transportation department and Voyageur Bus Company for their hard work and dedication to keeping students safe!