

RSU 9 TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

August 2024

Richard Joseph Jr.

Director of Transportation and Custodial Services



Team RSU 9 finishes strong

April 19th, 2024: RSU 9 was the host site for Maine Association for Pupil Transportation 2024 Regional Safety Conference. MAPT travels to six locations throughout Maine, April- June, and one Annual Conference in July, delivering professional workshops and driver skill competitions. Driver's, aides, and mechanics had a fun filled day networking with other districts and honing their skills in the driving course.



Team RSU 9 won 1st Place team overall in the skills competition with the lowest points. In the individual competitions Eric Jones stole the show, winning first place in the Transit Bus AND Conventional Bus category. Andrea Wing won third place in the Transit Bus category and Paul Cushman won third place in the Conventional Bus category. The winning driver's competed at the 2024 Annual Conference held at the

Augusta Civic Center, with the other winners of the state regional competition. Eric Jones won first place in the Conventional Bus Category. He won \$100 and has the opportunity to compete in the School Bus Driver International Safety Competition held in Texas, in June 2025 with all expenses (room, food & travel) paid for by MAPT. Eric will go through a competition orientation class, followed by a knowledge (written) test. The skills competition will be held at the Hays CISD Transportation Facility in Umland, TX, where contestants get behind the wheel and complete a road course. Bus drivers will compete in one of three categories: Small bus (Type A), Conventional (Type C), or Transit (Type D).

The competition offers school bus drivers from across the United States and Canada the opportunity to showcase their knowledge and skills. To be eligible, drivers must compete and win a state or provincial competition in their designated school bus category (Small Bus, Conventional, or Transit) within the past year. Drivers must also officially enter the School Bus Driver International Safety Competition in the same bus class that he or she won at the state, regional, or provincial level. Winners are determined by the bus driver having the highest score in the category that he or she competes in.





The 2024 MAPT Annual Safety Conference training held At the Augusta Civic Center. Bus drivers' aides and mechanics participated in the three day training. What a great learning experience, networking and Team Building.

Extended Year Program busing was a great success with 9 bus routes serving three schools. Out of district transportation to Rumford, Belgrade, Lewiston & Auburn was covered with three vans. Go Team. Summer is a great time to get our fleet of buses and vans washed, waxed, and cleaned inside & outside. Our Mechanics are able to repair and do any body work needed to get the fleet ready for another year.



Support staff update:

Current open positions:

- Custodian
- Lead Custodian
- Bus Driver
- Car Driver

We are ready for another school year!

Bring on 2024-2025!

Team RSU 9 keeps the district moving!



Eric Jones



Matt DeBaets



Bobbi-Jo Vining



Basil Mosher