

# FEATURED STAFF

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YORKTON & MELVILLE

## GSSD TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

### Acknowledgement of GSSD Service Commitments

CARING & FRIENDLY - EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS - EXPRESSING EMPATHY - SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT - THE POWER OF "YES" - TAKING TIME TO LISTEN



- Christine Hawley (Transportation Assistant)
- Becky Hoffmann (Transportation Routing Assistant)
- Kelly Becker (Shop Supervisor)
- Rob Graff (Shop Supervisor)
- Trevor Council (Technician)
- Cory Hancock (Technician)
- Kendall Buhler (Technician)
- Ryan Hall (Transportation Manager)

The GSSD Transportation Department deserves recognition for their exceptional commitment and service to the Good Spirit School Division. The department consistently prioritizes feedback from stakeholders. Driver in-service meetings in August aligned staff with division goals by addressing policies, procedures, and expectations. Responding to feedback about ride times and capacity concerns, they added a new route in the Stockholm attendance area to better serve students and families.

From ensuring the safe operation of over 100 buses and 98 routes to tackling challenges like bus driver recruitment, the team goes above and beyond. Proactive measures, including recruitment incentives and celebrating Bus Driver Appreciation Day with thoughtful tokens, highlight their commitment to exceeding expectations. The Bus Garage Teams prioritize safety by maintaining buses in excellent condition through regular servicing.



The team's solutions-focused approach is evident in their efforts to lower ride times and provide 15-passenger van training, finding ways to address operational challenges while prioritizing safety.

The department values appreciation and recognition, demonstrating care through meaningful gestures like celebrating drivers and collaborating with schools. Their involvement in community events, such as the Santa Claus Parade, showcases their friendly and approachable reputation, reflecting GSSD's values of belonging and diversity.

By listening to families and students and incorporating feedback, the department adapts to meet the division's evolving needs.

In summary, the GSSD Transportation Department plays a vital role in transporting "precious cargo" safely and reliably, rain or shine, 184 days a year. Their tireless efforts and dedication embody the motto Students Come First, making them truly deserving of this recognition.