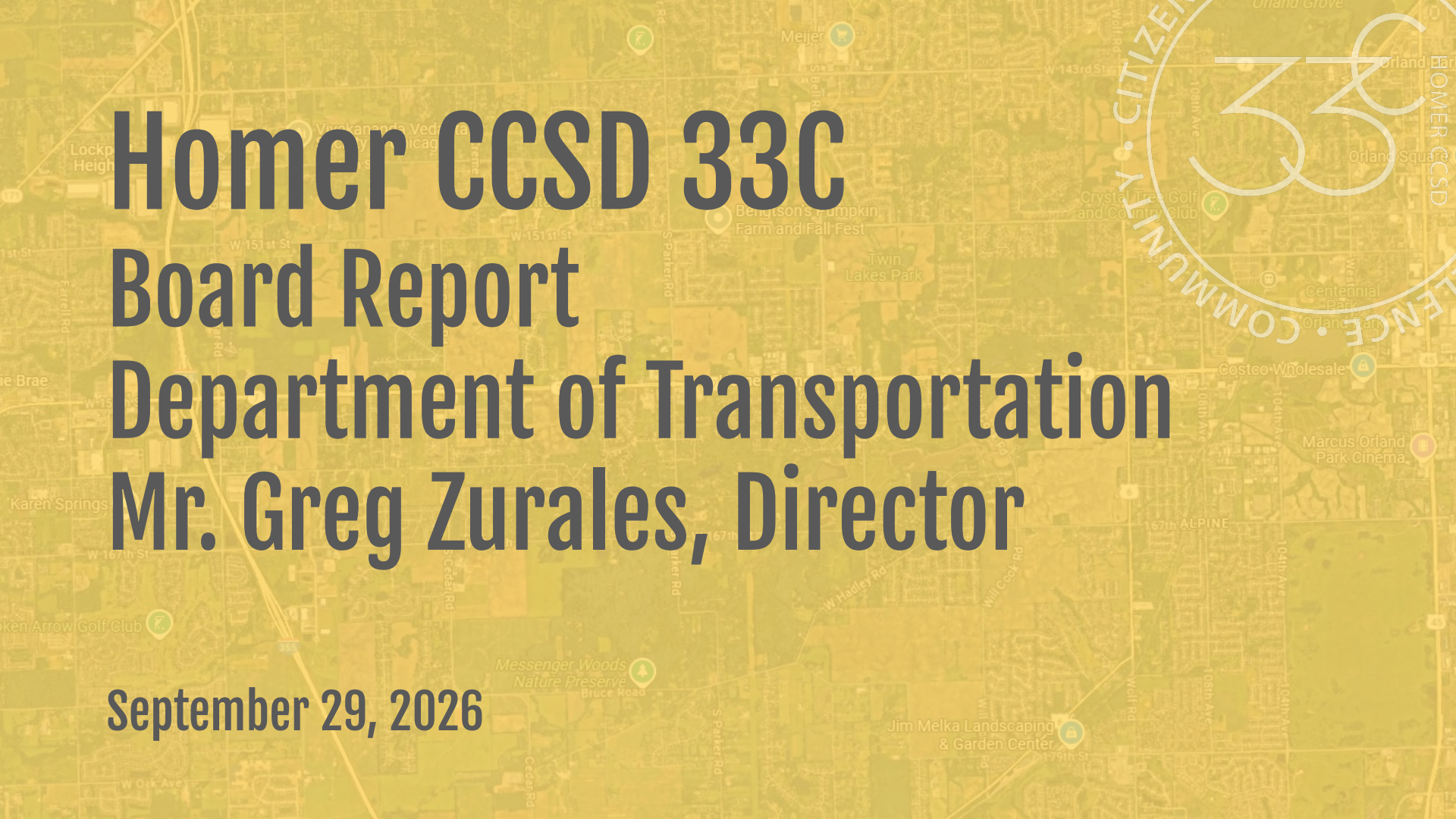




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Homer 33C Transportation NOW HIRING BUS DRIVERS



- Starting Wage of **\$26.10 per hour**
- Experienced Bus Drivers Starting Wage Up to **\$29.58 per hour**
- **Medical/Dental/Vision Benefits Available**
- IMRF Pension
- Paid Training On-Site
- Rewarding Career in Public Service



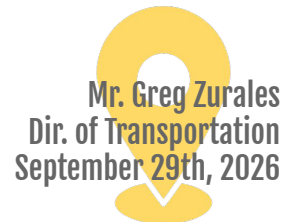
Scan QR Code to Apply
homerschools.org

Call to Apply: 708-226-7625

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Staffing Updates--September 2026 (Same as August Report)

- **53 Full-Time *Homer* 33C Drivers**
 - 49 Routes with Full-Time *Homer* Drivers
 - 1 Unfilled Route Covered By *Homer* Full-Time Sub (191)
 - 3 Available *Homer* Full-Time Substitute Drivers for Regular Substitute Duties
- **4 *First Student* Drivers in *Homer* Vehicles**
 - 2 General Education Routes (300 and 325)
 - 1 Special Education Route (711)
 - 1 Unfilled General Education Route (189)
- **5 *First Student* Drivers in *First Student* Vehicles**
 - Out-of-District Placements
- **62 Full-Time Driving Positions (*Homer* and *First Student* Combined)**
 - 59 Total Routes
 - 3 Full-Time Substitute Drivers



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September Employment Recommendations

- Five Drivers on September Agenda for Board Approval
- Enter Driver Training After Receiving CLP (Commercial Learner's Permit)
- CLP obtained by passing written test at DMV
- CLP holder may operate an empty bus (no students) only with their Homer Trainer (a CDL Holder) on-board



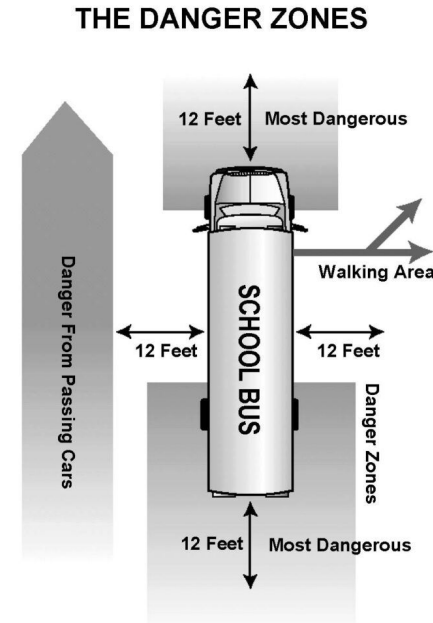
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September Driver Meeting Safety Item

- Review of Safe Loading, Unloading, and Crossing Procedures
- Review of “The Danger Zones”
- Constant Reminders for Students
 - Take Five Giant Steps Away from Bus After Unloading
 - If Crossing, Watch for Driver Signal Through Windshield Before Crossing



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Bus Stop Change Requests (As of September 15th)

Figures are approximates due to some duplicate requests

- 182 Stop Change Requests
 - 150 Approved Requests
 - 7 Pending Requests
 - 25 Denied Requests



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Recruitment & Community Outreach--Homer Labor Day Parade



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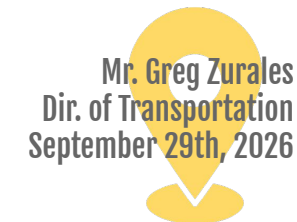
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September Team Recognition--Labor Day Parade

- Kelly Nissen
- Maryellen Reed
- Miriam Reyes-Guzman
- Louise Serpico
- Kelly Zink



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September Team Recognitions--Kindergarten Bus Support Team

- Every school year, a group of dedicated Homer 33C professionals assist our kindergarten driving team for the first ten days of school. These staff members work with the drivers to help assimilate our newest and youngest student-passengers to the bus.
- A special thank you to all our staff that supported our students and drivers on our kindergarten routes. Their kindness and patience helped our youngest students learn how to be safe and courteous student-passengers.

Goodings Grove

Jean Bak
Joanne Contos
Jen Ivey
Ashley Purcell
Kwiyoung Renahan

Young

Meg Browning
Diana Estrella
Yolanda Johnson-Maura
Kristina Nieto
Richard Osterkorn
Natalia Smith
Christine Studniarz
Pamela Trzop

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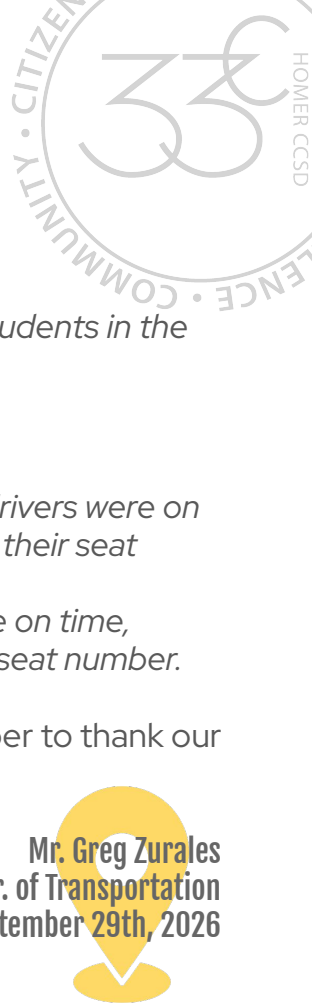
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September Team Recognitions

- **Linda Balmer--Student:** *For being nice and giving high fives*
- **Heather Basham--Student:** *For helping with an injury and getting students to school safely*
- **Maryellen Reed--Student:** *For being extra nice on the first day of school and always greeting students in the morning with kindness*

- **Dawne Villa Vasquez--Butler Parent:** *Thank you to your drivers for an easy morning. Both bus drivers were on time, friendly, and smiling...a smooth process was in place to verify the name and to let them know their seat number. Reflects a well-oiled machine.*
- **Jen Meyer--Hadley Parent:** *Thank you to your drivers for an easy morning. Both bus drivers were on time, friendly, and smiling...a smooth process was in place to verify the name and to let them know their seat number. Reflects a well-oiled machine.*
- **All Drivers--** All school administration teams reached out at some point in August and September to thank our driving team!

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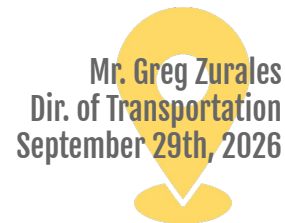
- Katie Bialek, Young Principal for Bus Evacuations: *They were so good with the kids and helping them feel comfortable getting off the back of the bus. They were so calm and patient and really gave each student their undivided attention during the drill!*
 - Bob Bak
 - Stacey Gillis
 - Mary Lennox
 - Kat Negrete
 - Barb Osterkorn
 - Maryellen Reed
 - Miriam Reyes-Guzman
 - Kasie Rogowski
 - Louise Serpico
 - Mike Simari
 - Toni Smolen
 - Jeff Stewart
 - Dawne Villa-Vasquez



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September Team Recognitions

- Curriculum Nights and Kindergarten Orientations
Driver Recruitment Opportunities
 - Tina Kadow
 - Kelly Nissen
 - Barb Osterkorn
 - Maryellen Reed
 - Kasie Rogowski
 - Pat Ruane
 - Jim Zacharias



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