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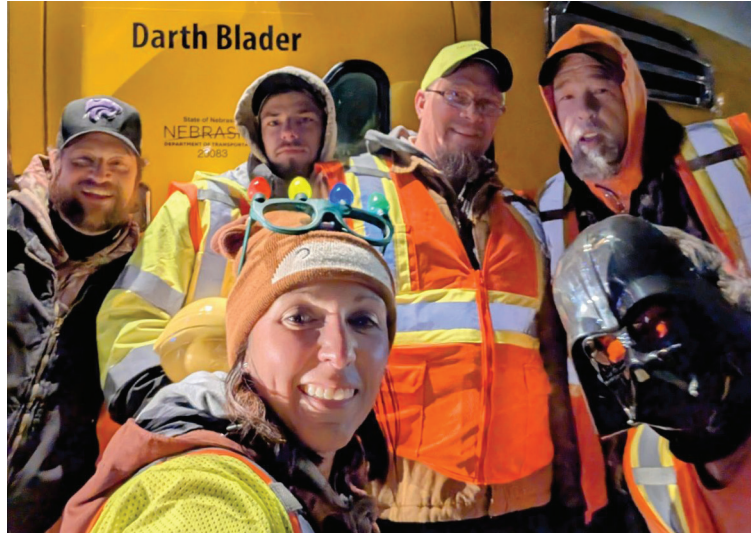
## A Message from the Director: Celebrating Your Dedication to NDOT

Your dedication to NDOT shines in every season. While winter highlights the extraordinary efforts of our snow fighters, your teamwork and expertise stand out year-round—from construction season to daily operations. Over the past few months, I've seen firsthand in the districts the devotion of your teams to tackling challenges and delivering results.

Winter in Nebraska brings unique challenges, and NDOT is especially grateful for those of you who brave tough conditions to keep roads clear and safe, ensuring drivers can reach their destinations. Last winter alone, NDOT districts plowed over 2.7 million miles of road and logged more than 208,000 hours to ensure safe travel for Nebraskans. These impressive numbers reflect the tireless efforts of your teams across the state.

As we look ahead to another year, let's take pride in all we've accomplished. Whether it's maintaining equipment, coordinating logistics or ensuring projects stay on track, every contribution plays a critical role in keeping Nebraska moving safely, season after season. Behind the scenes, countless individuals, like you, support these efforts, demonstrating the strength of our collective mission.

Thank you for all you do to make a difference for communities across our state.



NDOT Director Kramer with District 1 Greenwood Maintenance team members who entered snowplow truck "Darth Blader" in the Ashland Hometown Christmas Parade.



### DECEMBER

- 12/11-1/1/25 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' Enforcement
- 24-25 Christmas - NDOT Closed

### JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day - NDOT Closed
- 1/1-1/26 National Passenger Safety Week

### SAFETY UPDATE

**Stay Safe in the Cold** - Don't let wind chills catch you off guard as they can lower your core temperature, increasing the risk of cold injuries. Protect yourself with layered clothing, insulated gloves and boots, warm breaks and hot drinks.

### IT UPDATE

To search for a specific **NDOT Business Intelligence Portal** dashboard, [click here](#). You can also access the portal from DOT Spot under the Tools Menu.

### HR UPDATE

2025 goals need to be entered into Workday and discussed with teammates by December 31! Supervisors may contact their HR Business Partner with any questions or for assistance with Workday.

*We'd like to hear from you. If you have an update to share, please send it to [ndot.wayfinder@nebraska.gov](mailto:ndot.wayfinder@nebraska.gov) for consideration.*



# Students Name NDOT Snowplows

This year, Nebraska elementary and middle school students really outdid themselves—over 1,300 submissions came in from 75 schools for the annual Name-A-Snowplow contest! Each district chose two winners and celebrated with a school visit, presenting a sign and a mini snowplow to the students.

## 2024 WINNERS

<p><b>Aspiradora de Nieve (Snow Vacuum Cleaner)</b> Blumfield Elementary School</p> <p><b>Avalanche</b> Johnson County Central Public Schools</p> <p><b>Chilli Vanilli</b> Axtell Community School</p> <p><b>Cold and Bold</b> Loup County Public Schools</p> <p><b>CTRL-Snow-Delete</b> Shell Creek Elementary School</p>	<p><b>Fast &amp; Snowiest</b> Southern Elementary School</p> <p><b>Freeze Fighter</b> Maywood Public School</p> <p><b>Han Snowlo Up to Snow Good</b> Meadows Elementary School</p> <p><b>Hungry Hungry Snoweater</b> Geil Elementary</p> <p><b>Mr. Freeze</b> Doniphan-Trumbull Public School</p> <p><b>Pete the Plow</b> Rushville Elementary School</p>	<p><b>Slusher Crusher</b> Keya Paha County Schools</p> <p><b>Snow Rex</b> Wallace Public School</p> <p><b>Snow Snow Plower Rangers</b> Stanton Community Schools</p> <p><b>Snowcus Pocus</b> High Plains Community Schools</p> <p><b>Who Let the Plows Out</b> Hershey Public Schools</p>
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District 7 - Axtell Community School



District 4 - Doniphan-Trumbull Public Schools



District 8 - Keya Paha County Schools