



## **Mr. Andy Valdivia**

### **Director of Transportation and Maintenance**

My journey at Riverside School district began on May 1<sup>st</sup> of 2004. Hired as a bus driver but having many goals in sight. As a youngster I always liked fixing stuff, always finding ways of making things work right. Simplifying difficult situations as my grandfather would say. I had three big influences, two very different but smart grandfathers and my father a mechanic during the day and music teacher in the evenings. I learned very early in age to be very versatile, always listen, and work hard. I think that the Riverside School district has absorbed this work ethic that I contribute, a contribution that I'm very proud of.

I have numerous skills from classes taken in electrical, plumbing and mechanical stand points. A few months after my hiring there were many repairs that were being out sourced by the district. I remember asking the maintenance supervisor at the time what the cost were for the repairs, I couldn't believe it. I told him I can make these repairs and from that day on. I can honestly say that I have put an effort into putting more funds into the education of Riverside students. There are still many opportunities to better the district and the team that has been assembled is on the right track. I am only one piece of the puzzle but with strong goals, ambitions and team work there are no limits to our success.