WINDOW ROCK — The Navajo Police Department arrested a community school bus driver Sept. 24 at 6:59 pm, near the Vanderwagen community.

According to the arresting officer, information came from a parent who was alerted by their child, a passenger on the bus. The child indicated the bus driver was driving dangerously on the road.

The parent was able to intercept the bus and remove the keys from the ignition while safely removing the remaining three children from the bus.

The Window Rock District of the NPD responded and subsequently arrested the bus driver who was booked into the Window Rock Detention Center for DUI, endangering a child and reckless driving.

The remaining children were removed safely with no injuries reported and returned to their parents.

The NPD said in a press release impaired driving is a serious threat to public safety, and they'll continue to hold offenders accountable to the fullest extent of the law.

“The fact that this incident involved a bus driver who is entrusted with the safety of our children makes this offense even more egregious,” the NPD stated in the release.