

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.

SHOUT OUT

SHOUT OUT: We received the following email from the Deputy Superintendent at Port Jefferson Schools regarding large bus driver, Dawn Martinez - "You all have been dealing with me for over a decade as the business official at Port Jefferson. I wanted to send a message today as a parent. Two of my girls attend Mount Elementary School in Three Village SD. They were greeted on their first day by a fantastic bus driver, Miss Dawn, Route #37. She quickly introduced herself and made a big deal about my two girls being new to the district. She also clearly knew all the children on the bus and quickly added my

girl's name to her memory. During the heatwave she had ice bags for students who felt hot and needed a refresher. My neighbors told me all about Miss Dawn and how awesome she is. She is very organized and runs a tight ship. Glad to know my girls are in safe hands. You have a great driver. Please treat her well!" We are proud to have Dawn on our team!

YARD SAFETY: Our yards are active with buses, personal vehicles, and employees. Yard speed is always *under* 10 mph whether traveling in a bus or car. Please use the proper entrance and exit gates and stay in the appropriate travel lanes. Employees are to wear Company jackets with the reflective strips so you can be seen. Remember:

- Keep alert when walking in the yard; do not have your head down.
- Always utilize crosswalks where applicable.
- Refrain from talking and texting on your cell phone in the yards.
- Park in marked spots only. Do not block vehicles or double-park in the yard or outside the gates. Your vehicle blocks the view for other drivers to safely navigate.
- Use the correct driver's assistant pick up areas in your yard.
- Driver assistants - look both ways when exiting your bus in the yard.



SAFETY FOCUSED: Now that school is back in full swing, please refresh your mindset back to your training. Remind yourself to stay vigilant for any and all obstructions that can occur. We cannot assume everyone pays attention to their environment. We as professional drivers and drivers' assistants should be extra aware of our surroundings. Use extra precaution at intersections, watching out for pedestrians and oncoming traffic. Be mindful of stationary objects including parked vehicles and basketball hoops. If your vehicle appears too big to pass down a tight street, stop and navigate safely. Think of the bus as your personal vehicle...would you try to pass in a tight area with your car? Your Safety team is always here to help.

TRANSIT SENSITIVITY CLASSES: Class registration is open on MPS. Classes will be held at 1780 Smithtown Ave, Ronkonkoma. Class times are 6:30 AM - 10:30 AM and the dates are: Sat. 10/7/23 / Sun. 10/8/23 / Tues. 10/10/23 / Thurs. 10/12/23. Please visit MPS to sign up...click on "My Classes" then click on "Upcoming" to register for a class.



FACEBOOK: This week's Facebook spotlight is Sandra Sanchez, Connetquot van supervisor and charter supervisor out of 1849 Pond Road



"The future depends on what you do today."