

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

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STUFF A BUS: Each year STS/SBC partners with United Way to provide school supplies to many students and districts. Joseph Corrado is pictured with the Brentwood Superintendent, Wanda Ortiz-Rivera, along with her business official, Stacy O'Connor and the Assistant Principal of Laurel Park Elementary, Hannah McCarthy, and the smiling children of their school. Fun and exciting to be back to school and connecting to the communities that we serve!

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 assistant pick-up areas in your yard and not on public roadways.
- Driver assistants - look both ways when exiting your bus in the yard.

ACCIDENT AWARENESS: 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 driver 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 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM and the dates are as follows:

Sat. 10/5/24 / Tues. 10/8/24 / Thurs. 10/10/24 / Sun. 10/27/24. Please visit MPS to sign up...click on "My Classes" then click on "Upcoming" to register for a class.

HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT: Today is the last day to inquire about health insurance open enrollment. All applications are due today. If you are interested in signing up for the Company health insurance or would like more information, please email benefits@suffolkbuss.com. **This is for new enrollees only.** Benefits will begin 10/1/24.



FACEBOOK: This week's Facebook spotlight is Joseph Woods, Brentwood van driver out of Second Ave yard

"If a mind thinks with a believing attitude, one can do amazing things."

