

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



SHOUT OUT: With our "See Something Say Something" attitude, we would like to commend Janice Puglia for observing and immediately reporting a smoking school bus in one of our yards. Her quick notification helped keep the situation from worsening, which could have caused injuries to staff as well as damage to other vehicles in the vicinity. Again, thank you Janice for your diligence!

AUTHORIZED ADULTS: All districts require Kindergarten students to be met by an authorized adult. An authorized adult is someone that will take the child off the bus and is responsible for that child. Each parent or guardian provides a list of names to the district that are authorized to take their child off the bus. Policies may vary for other grade levels. Your district policies can be reviewed with your supervisor or refer to the Rules and Regulations on My Parking Space. You are required to know and understand these policies. Those students that need an authorized adult for drop off should be the first students off your bus so they don't get mixed in with the other students. Not following this procedure is like driving your bus blindfolded. It is extremely dangerous for these children to be let off the bus without the presence of the authorized adult. If you are not sure who the authorized adults are for your students, see your supervisor immediately. If you are unsure about leaving a child with a particular adult, you should contact Dispatch before leaving the stop. Leaving a child off your bus without an authorized adult can cost you your job.

CHILD CHECK/MOTION DETECTION SYSTEMS: It is your responsibility during your pre-trip to make sure vehicles equipped with child check/motion detection are connected and working properly. The system will let you know it is active by either an audible alarm and/or interior lights turning on when you first enter your vehicle. Sometimes the Shop must disconnect it during maintenance and, of course, tampering with or altering the system's operation is prohibited. If the systems are not working properly, a supervisor and/or maintenance must be notified immediately before using the vehicle. This system is vital in helping drivers remember to search their vehicles for sleeping children and unattended items after each run.

HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT: Health insurance begins today. If you are interested in enrolling, please email benefits@suffolkbus.com and request information. The last day to enroll is 11/18/24. Coverage will begin 12/1/24. The next chance to enroll in health insurance will be in September 2025.



CDL PERMIT CLASS: Our CDL Permit Class is a great opportunity for our DAs, our



families, and friends to learn more about our great Company. Our next CDL permit classes will be held as follows:

Saturday, November 16, 8:00AM - 4:00PM at 1780 Smithtown Ave, Ronkonkoma

Wednesday, November 20, 10:00AM - 1:00 PM at 1780 Smithtown Ave, Ronkonkoma

This class is free, and everyone is welcome. To register, please email Karen Sheehan:

ksheehan@suffolkbus.com and include your first and last name as well as your contact number.

Remember, for a limited time we offer a \$1,000 bounty for every driver referral and you will receive the referral bonus 60 days after they are assigned a bus route.



SEARCH
FOR SLEEPING CHILDREN



This week's Facebook spotlight is Alex Compere, Adult Dispatcher & Supervisor out of 71 Moffitt Blvd.

"Today and every day we thank Veterans everywhere for their service."

