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Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.

Message from the PRESIDENT

MESSAGE FROM JOHN CORRADO, PRESIDENT: I would like to extend a big thank you to all employees for bringing us through a challenging year. All school bus, transit, shop, and office staff deserve the praise of our customers and our riders for getting everyone to where they needed to go safely during the pandemic; you certainly have mine! As we begin to return to normal, we are expecting a regular school opening for September in addition to the start-up of our adult programs and the return of paratransit to normal service levels. To do this we need all of you to help us reopen. As part of this plan, the company and the union have agreed to move your next raise set for January 2022, to be effective on the

first Sunday in September for all employees. This early raise of 3.7% will benefit all. You have earned it and the company and the union are pleased to be able to do this for you. Help us spread the word and remember that we still have a \$500 bounty for driver referrals. Send your family and friends to a job with a company that cares. We will need them this fall. Thank you all again for what you have done for the company and our community. See what your new rate will be in September...the new pay scale can be found on My Parking Space; click on notifications, click on forms.


SUMMER REFRESHER CLASSES: There is still room in the July refresher classes. We have also added classes for August 10th & Aug 11th. Please visit My Parking Space, click on My Classes to view the schedule. If you have any questions or trouble signing up contact Linda Licata at ext. 4163 or email llicata@suffolkbus.com. Remember you must attend a summer refresher to pick in August.

AUGUST PICK DATES & TIMES WILL BE POSTED ON MPS NEXT WEEK. Stay connected to the Newsletter over the summer months for important information. Visit MPS, click on notifications, click on Newsletters.

SHOUT OUT: We received the following commendation from the Middle Country School District regarding large bus driver, Nathalie Desir: "I am writing to commend the actions of bus driver, Nathalie Desir, on Friday, June 18, 2021. A student on her NHS VISS PM run began to feel ill after pulling away from school. Ms. Desir reported it to her dispatcher and pulled the van into the safety of a parking lot and parked in the shade; it was an extremely warm afternoon. It was determined that 911 should be called. When I arrived on scene, Ms. Desir was calm and comforting the student. Ms. Desir kept a cool head during a very stressful situation. I appreciate the kindness she showed the student and the professionalism she exhibited throughout the incident." We are proud to have Nathalie on our team!



MAY SAFETY WINNERS: Richard Mahnken, large bus; Christina LoCascio, van; Gerald Jean Pierre, DA; Juan Santana, ADA; Thomas Lacoste, Shop; Monica Gaudio, management. Congratulations!

 **FACEBOOK:** Our Facebook spotlight this week is all of our employees!! Thank you for a great school year!

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."