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Safety Newsletter

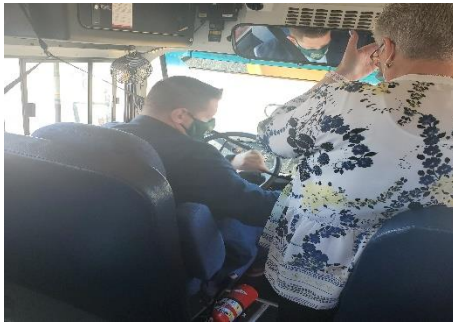
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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.

MESSAGE FROM TOMMY SMITH, VP-SCHOOL BUS OPERATIONS: Thank you all again for helping us get a very challenging school year up and running. We had to condense runs due to the COVID student enrollment decline, which meant for many changes in last year's run. Then we had to manage the unknowns from all of our customers as to who would return, which programs would come back, which adult programs would open, etc. An unintended consequence to all of this was a systemic delay in the processing of payroll discrepancy requests. For this we apologize. We have now cleared our backlog and are planning new procedures and software enhancements for next year. If you still have a question about your payroll discrepancy, see your Supervisor today! Of course, we cannot end this thank you note without additional recognition of our Transit team, who has battled nonstop through this pandemic since March of 2020 and who this September helped us cover school runs, and our mechanics who have had to juggle service to meet new charter and vehicles and the entire office staff muscling through all of these variables. THANK YOU!



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK: Dr. Lance Lohman, Superintendent of the Longwood Central School District, had the opportunity to drive a large school bus in his district to commemorate **National School Bus Safety Week** which took place last week. "With so many buses out of the road during the day transporting our children, motorists must continue to be aware of their surroundings," said Dr. Lohman. "National School Bus Safety Week is a great opportunity to remind everyone to stop, watch and drive slowly when they are around schools and buses. Learning to drive a bus has given me a new perspective and appreciation for our dedicated bus drivers and all that they do to ensure the safety of our

students".

SAFETY ACTION CARD (SAC) REMINDER: Please remember to utilize the Safety Action Card. It is a tool if you see any downed limbs, trees, brush that block any bus stops or make the roadway unsafe for travel. The town appreciates the effort and will help to remove them properly. Visit MPS to complete a SAC.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: The Leonard Family Scholarship was created in 2015 in commemoration of the Company's 50th year as a family-owned business and to promote student success after high school. Preference is given to students pursuing careers in diesel mechanics, automotive mechanics, and those with financial need. In addition, \$10 from every new bus purchased from Leonard Bus Sales is put toward this scholarship fund. The annual scholarship is open to the children of employees of New York School Bus Contractors Association member companies. STS is a proud member of this association. A one-time \$2,500 scholarship will be paid directly to the educational institution for the 2019/2020 school year. The application for the scholarship can be found on My Parking Space, click on "Notifications", click on "Forms". Deadline for application submission is March 1, 2022. Questions can be directed to Linda Licata llicata@suffolkbus.com



HEALTH INSURANCE: Health insurance open enrollment is upon us. If you are interested in enrolling, please email benefits@suffolkbus.com to request information. The last day to enroll is November 19, 2021. Coverage will begin December 1, 2021.



FACEBOOK: This week's spotlight is Nicole Lambraia, Supervisor and Charter Dispatcher for Connetquot School District out of 1849 Pond Rd.

"Act as if what you do makes a difference, it does"