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Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



Kids Ahead!

STOP-ARM CAMERA LAWS: The New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law 1174a states: When a school bus stops and flashes its red lights, traffic approaching from either direction must

stop before reaching the bus on a two-lane

road, on multi-lane highways, and on divided highways. This means if there is a grass island between your lane of traffic and the opposite lane of traffic you must STOP. When you encounter a fellow school bus...

<u>DO NOT wave them on and ignore them if they wave you on</u>. As soon as the stop arm begins to deploy, the camera is taking a picture. As a school bus driver, remember to always activate your amber lights as you approach the bus stop, do not just open the door to activate your stop arm. If you are approaching a school bus, be aware of the amber lights which indicate the reds and stop arm are going to be activated. Passing a stopped school bus results in a \$250 fine!

<u>SCHOOL BUS WINTER UNIFORMS</u>: Our winter supply of uniforms was ordered in June. We expect the delivery to arrive before the new year. We will announce in the Newsletter when they are available for distribution. Thank you for your patience.

<u>401k OPEN ENROLLMENT</u>: 401k open enrollment is here! If you are interested in joining the 401k and you have been with the Company for more than 1 year, please fill out an enrollment application (new members). If you would like to change your current contribution percentage, please fill out a Change of Contribution form. Both of these forms are available on My Parking Space or in printed form at your yard. Don't delay. Deadline for enrollment is December 24, 2021. The next opportunity to enroll or make changes to your 401k will be December 2022. To help assist with 401k planning and enrollment, we will be on site the following dates to answer any questions at:

1849 Pond Rd, Ronkonkoma Monday, December 13, 2021 10am -12pm 1162 Old Town Rd, Coram Thursday, December 16, 2021 10am -12pm

You can also email <u>benefits@suffolkbus.com</u> if you have questions and cannot attend.

TIS THE SEASON TO JOIN THE SNOW REMOVAL TEAM AT YOUR CENTER! Be a part of the team

that clears the way for all our staff. 'Snow Teamers' receive their guarantee pay for the snow day <u>IN ADDITION</u> to hourly pay for the hours worked during snow removal. Please speak with your supervisor for more information, ask any questions or to sign up to be a

Snow Teamer!

TRANSIT PICK: The Transit pick is scheduled for December 6. All operators have several

picks submitted. The pick and the pick schedule are on My Parking Space and will be updated twice per day.

<u>DOT REGULATION ON BUS DECORATIONS</u>: It is that time of the year for decorating our homes for the holidays. DOT Regulations prohibit decorating our buses. *Decorations can be a fire hazard and obstruct views and is not permitted by the V&T Law* Thank you for your cooperation.



FACEBOOK: This week's spotlight is Barbara Bell, van driver for Sayville School District out of 1849 Pond Rd.

"We are not our best intentions; we are what we do".