

# THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.

## WELCOME BACK

**"WELCOME BACK BOUNTY BONUS":** Refer a friend or family member for a school bus driver position and receive \$1,000! Yes, we are doubling the bounty to \$1,000! And you receive the referral bonus 60 days after they are assigned a school bus route, no waiting for 6 months. This is effective through Sept. 30, 2022. Applicants can visit [www.suffolkbuses.com](http://www.suffolkbuses.com) to complete an online application or pick up an application at your yard.

**"THE CLICK"- COMMUNICATION:** As we start another school year, we would like to remind all drivers and driver assistants that communication plays a vital role in the success of this operation. If you have a situation, incident or anything that occurs on your route that you are not sure how to handle, make sure you communicate directly to Dispatch or your Transportation Supervisor for assistance. We are all here to help you with these situations; make sure you communicate and allow us to support you. Proper communication will allow us to resolve situations quickly, communicate with our districts in a timely manner and ultimately solve small problems before they become big problems. As John Corrado discussed in the summer refreshers, there are many ways for you to get and give communication. Communication tools include your Supervisor, Dispatcher, Safety Center, My Parking Space, the Safety Hotline - 631-969-9510 - and this Newsletter!

**UNAUTHORIZED BOARDERS:** As a driver/driver assistant, you should be vigilant in who is boarding your vehicle at all times. If an unauthorized adult has boarded or attempts to board your vehicle, you are to immediately and clearly ask them to leave the bus. You should explain that it is a crime to enter a bus without permission and that 911 will be contacted. You should then contact Dispatch so that they may call the Police. The only authorized boarders are: students, school district employees with specific responsibility for (a) supervising students on the buses (e.g., bus monitors) and/or (b) monitoring bus operations; bus company employees

with specific responsibility for (a) driving school buses or (b) training and evaluating bus drivers. Please note that parents are not considered authorized boarders unless they are authorized chaperones. Your bus is equipped with a sign stating this law.

**SEARCH YOUR BUS FOR SLEEPING CHILDREN:** Remember, your students are acclimating to the return to school just like you. Search for children at the end of each route.

**FB SPOTLIGHT:** Our Facebook spotlight this week is Francisco Marin, IT



**SEARCH**  
FOR SLEEPING CHILDREN

*"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra."*