



SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC.

## **SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE RECEIVES GREEN BUS SUMMIT FLEET AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS TO GO “GREEN”**

*(Bay Shore, NY...August 16, 2023)* Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc. (STS) was selected by School Transportation News (STN) as this year’s recipient of the prestigious Green Bus Summit Fleet Award at the STN Expo in Reno, Nevada this summer. Suffolk Transportation Service (STS) was selected for its unparalleled commitment to investing in a “greener” fleet that significantly benefits the more than 50,000 school children the company transports every day. This national award was presented on July 16th at the Peppermill Resort Hotel with over 1,000 school transportation professionals in attendance from throughout the country. School Transportation News presented the award in affiliation with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, which assisted in judging the nominations.

“Congratulations to Suffolk Transportation Service for being awarded the 2023 Green Bus Summit Fleet Award at STN EXPO in the regional contractor category,” said Tony Corpin, publisher and president of School Transportation News. “Their vision to invest in greener school buses has made a positive impact on the communities they serve and the children they transport in New York. I applaud their leadership for moving towards a greener future in school transportation.”

STS was selected for this esteemed award in recognition of its ongoing, proactive measures to be in the forefront of environmentally responsible school bus operations and technology. Serving twenty-seven school districts and agencies with more than 1,800 vehicles in its fleet, STS’s commitment to running a sustainable operation is multi-faceted. The company currently operates 11 all-electric vehicles and is gathering data to plan accordingly for the future. A recent new law enacted by New York State requires school bus operators to purchase 0 emission buses by 2027 and the entire fleet must be converted to 0 emissions buses by 2035. In addition to making sizeable annual investments in “green” technology, the company has prepared all of their state-of-the-art facilities for all-electric school buses and twenty-five percent of the company’s power is generated by solar energy.

“We are very proud to receive this award and to be recognized for our ongoing efforts towards fleet electrification,” said Thomas Smith, vice president of school operations and business development for Suffolk Transportation. “We have a monumental task ahead of us. Our team and industry partners will help make us successful as we move into the future together. A big thank you to the STN team for putting together a great conference.”

The Green Bus Summit is designed for school districts, school bus contractors and green energy professionals seeking to increase their knowledge of sustainable infrastructure, technology, and funding. The event included a full day of Green Leadership educational discussion sessions and a ride and drive event in the evening. Green experts, government officials, representatives from public utilities and manufacturers provided information on the latest technologies that result in fuel savings, emissions reductions, and lower cost of ownership.

***About Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc.:*** *With ten state-of-the-art facilities on Long Island, Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc. combines the most advanced technology with top-notch leadership and caring employees to provide its customers with the highest level of safety, security, and professionalism. From sophisticated video surveillance to the latest in digital technology, Suffolk Transportation is an industry leader in safety both nationally and locally, as it has been since its founding in 1955. Suffolk Bus Corporation, the public transportation division of the company, has not only served the general public, it also has a dedicated staff specifically trained in working with people with special needs. The company's many awards and distinctions include: the New York State Bus Contractors Association's "Contractor of the Year" Award; the Public Transportation Safety Board's "A" rating; First Place in the National Special Needs Competition; Winner's Circle distinction more than 40 times in annual New York State safety competitions; School Bus Fleet magazine's "National School Bus Contractor of the Year" award; voted by its employees as one of the best companies to work for in New York State in an anonymous survey conducted by the New York State Society for Human Resource Management; recipient of Newsday's Best Company award; and selected as one of Forbes' Best Companies in the Nation. For more information, visit [suffolkbus.com](http://suffolkbus.com).*

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Pictured from left to right: Teno Gustafson, Suffolk Transportation Service Director of Fleet Maintenance; Danny Unverzagt, Suffolk Transportation Service Assistant Director of Fleet Maintenance; Thomas Smith, Suffolk Transportation Service VP Operations and Business Development; Tony Corpin, Publisher and President of School Transportation News.