

# THE BUS STOPS HERE



## Safety Newsletter

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SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.



A heartfelt thank you to Megan Jensen, Special Education Teacher at Bay Shore High School, and her students in the World of Work (WOW) program. This blended educational and vocational program involves community internships from Monday to Thursday, where students work on Community Based Instruction (CBI) at various stores and restaurants. The program equips students with essential skills like socialization, vocational training, functional academics, awareness, time management, and problem-solving, preparing them for post-graduate opportunities. For the past two months, Megan and her students have assisted Paula Almes and Suki Sabharwal with administrative tasks every Monday. We deeply appreciate this valuable community partnership!



**SPRING BREAK** is a non-guaranteed work week. Eligible school bus drivers and driver's assistants should file for unemployment during this period. It is important to understand when to report hours worked during an unemployment week to the New York State Department of Labor. To understand when to report hours worked, please refer to My Parking Space/forms, page 2 and open 'partial unemployment eligibility'.



**APRIL IS RECOGNIZED AS DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH**, a time dedicated to raising awareness about the dangers of distracted driving and encouraging safer driving habits. Distracted driving, which includes activities like texting, talking on the phone, eating, and adjusting in-car systems, is a leading cause of preventable accidents on the road. During this month, organizations like the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the National Safety Council (NSC) urge drivers to stay focused and avoid distractions while driving. By taking responsibility for our actions behind the wheel, we can help reduce the number of accidents and save lives.

**SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION AWARDED USA TODAY'S TOP WORKPLACE FOR 2025** is a remarkable achievement that highlights our commitment to a positive work environment. This recognition, based on employee feedback, underscores our dedication to valuing, supporting, and motivating our team. It sets us apart in a competitive market, boosts our reputation, and attracts top talent. We are incredibly proud and look forward to building on this success.



**THE PHONE NUMBER TO SCHEDULE YOUR PHYSICAL APPOINTMENTS** at Island Health Care Associates in West Babylon has been changed to 631-539-2874. Please do not use the old number.



**CDL PERMIT PREP CLASS:** We are excited to offer CDL Permit Classes at our Safety and Training facility located at 1780 Smithtown Avenue, Ronkonkoma. This is a fantastic opportunity to start your journey towards obtaining your Commercial Driver's License. Upcoming class date is Sunday, April 27 from 8am – 4pm. To register for classes, email Karen Sheehan at [ksheehan@suffolkbust.com](mailto:ksheehan@suffolkbust.com).



Check out our Facebook page for our latest employee spotlight, Evan Hughes, Center Manager at Harold Court / 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

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