

THE BUS STOPS HERE



Safety Newsletter

September 5, 2025



SUFFOLK TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC

SUFFOLK BUS CORP.

\$1000 Driver Referral Bonus!

Refer a driver and earn \$1000 when they are assigned a route and complete 60 days of service.
Let's grow the team together!



Welcome to the 2025–2026 School Year!

The first few weeks of school can be a little hectic for students, families, and all of us. Kids are adjusting, parents have questions, and you're working hard to stay on schedule.

A warm, positive first impression goes a long way. Whether it's helping a nervous child or chatting with a parent, your kindness sets the tone.

Don't forget a clean, well-maintained bus reflects well on you, our company, and the school. Fuel up the day before and always complete your pre- and post-trip checks.

Fix-It Fridays is back! Stop by and visit the HR Team this Friday, September 5th, between 10 AM and 1 PM at the Coram and Bay Shore Hiring Centers and SBC at 1980 Pond Road.

Congratulations to our August Safety Winners!

Palcios Jefferson, Large Bus Driver
Jean Banegas Valdez, Van Driver
Michelle Accardi, DA
Eddie Walker, Transit Driver
Mary Means, ADA
Thomas Santilli, Shop
Brian Bliss, Management

Loading & Unloading: The most important part of safety happens during the loading and unloading of your students. Each driver and DA should review the section of their Safety Manual pertaining to Loading & Unloading (SSPP Section 20.01). Review the universal crossings hand signals with each of your students. Make sure you ask if your student is crossing. It is important to know your crossers.



Check for Sleeping Children: At the start of the school year, many children are adjusting to new routines and some may fall asleep during their ride. That's why it's so important to follow our safety check procedures every time you operate your vehicle. Before and after each trip, please take a moment to walk through the bus and check for any sleeping children. Be sure to look carefully, including under every seat. If your route includes a driver assistant, both of you should complete this check together. This simple step helps ensure every child gets home safely.



NYS "Move Over Law" As part of keeping everyone safe on the road, we want to highlight New York's "Move Over Law" (VTL Section 1144-a). It's simple but important, when you see an emergency or hazard vehicles stopped with flashing lights, please move over one lane if it's safe or slow down if you can't. Whether you're behind the wheel of a school van or bus, a transit vehicle, or a para-transit van, your awareness helps protect roadside workers and reflects our shared commitment to safety. Let's keep doing what we do best looking out for each other and leading by example. Thanks for all you do to keep our roads and our riders safe every day!



Health Insurance Open Enrollment Is Here! Thinking about joining our company health insurance plan? Now's a great time to explore your options! This enrollment period is just for new enrollees, so if you're curious or ready to sign up, we're here to help. Questions? Reach out to benefits@suffolkbus.com
Deadline to apply: September 19, 2025
Coverage begins: October 1, 2025



Please visit our Facebook page to get to know the team in the office at 1849 Pond Road.

"The expert in anything was once a beginner."

