



A Partnership in Safety

August 28, 2026

Welcome back, Drivers, and Driver Assistants! We could not be more excited to have you back behind the wheel and supporting our students each day.

"The Click" – Communication Counts!



As we gear up for another exciting school year, let's talk about one of the most important tools on the bus: **communication!** Whether it is a situation on your route, a student concern, an unexpected challenge, or something that simply doesn't feel right, don't go it alone. Reach out to Dispatch or your Transportation Supervisor right away. The sooner we can work together to the sooner an situation can be resolved. Great communication keeps our operation running smoothly. It allows us to support you, keep our school districts informed, and address small concerns before they turn into bigger problems. As Johnny and Joseph Corrado emphasized during the Summer Refreshers, staying connected is a key part of keeping everyone safe and successful.

There are plenty of ways to **get information and share information**, including:

- Your Transportation Supervisor
- Dispatch
- My Parking Space
- Submit a SAC [Safety Action Card] either in person at your Center or electronically through My Parking Space
- The Safety Hotline: **631-969-9510**
- And of course, reading the company newsletter

When in doubt, reach out. One quick call, message, or conversation can make all the difference.

Health Insurance Open Enrollment Is Here! This enrollment period is for **new enrollees only**. If you are interested or just want to learn more, feel free to reach out to benefits@Suffolkbus.com.

Deadline to apply: September 18, 2026

Coverage begins: October 1, 2026



This week, we are excited to feature Gabriel Castano from our Human Resources Department in our Social Media Spotlight



School Year Start-Up: Making a Great First Impression

The first few weeks of school are always exciting, but they can also be busy, challenging, and sometimes a little overwhelming for everyone involved. Drivers and driver assistants are focused on establishing safe, successful routines. For many students, especially our youngest riders, the school bus experience may come with a mix of excitement and nervousness. A friendly greeting, a reassuring smile, and a calm presence can go a long way in helping students feel comfortable and safe.



The school bus is often the first and most visible part of the school system that families interact with each day. Every morning, you help create a positive first impression of both the school district and our company for the families we serve.

A clean, well-maintained bus and a professional, courteous transportation team help build confidence and trust from day one.

Success starts with preparation. Conduct thorough pre-trip and post-trip inspections every day for every route. A safe, clean, and well-prepared bus not only creates a positive impression but also contributes to a safer and more successful school year for everyone.

Let's start the year strong by staying prepared, remaining patient, and making every ride a positive experience for our students and families.

CDL Permit Class: Looking for a great opportunity to grow your career or introduce family and friends to Suffolk Transportation Service?

FREE CDL Permit Classes:

August 29th from 8am to 11am

September 2nd from 10am to 1pm

September 9th from 10am to 1pm

Classes are held at our Safety & Training Center located at 1780 Smithtown Avenue, Ronkonkoma. Register for class at jfriedman@suffolkbus.com and include your first and last name along with a contact number. STS is offering a **\$1,000 Driver Referral Bounty**. You will receive the bonus **60 days** after your referral is assigned a school bus route.