



SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc. and Suffolk Bus Corp.



*A Partnership in Safety*

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**Ready, Set, Pick! The New School Year Is Almost Here!** The countdown to a new school year has begun, and it's almost time to select your school bus assignment! Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming pick dates and locations. Assignment pick times and the seniority list will be posted on My Parking Space in early August, so keep an eye out for updates.

If you have any questions or need assistance along the way, your supervisor is ready to help. Here's to a safe, smooth, and rewarding start to the school year!

## 2026 – 2027 School Year Pick Dates & Locations:

8/20/26 – Large Bus Pick @ Smithtown Ave  
8/21/26 – Large Bus Pick @ Smithtown Ave  
8/24/26 – Van Pick @ Smithtown Ave  
8/25/26 – Van Pick @ Smithtown Ave  
8/25/26 – DA Pick @ 50 Saxon  
8/26/26 – Van Pick @ Smithtown Ave  
8/26/26 – DA Pick @ 50 Saxon

## Help Us Spread the Word!

Do you know someone looking for a rewarding career with great benefits? Invite them to attend our **FREE 1-Hour Driver Orientation Class!** This informative session introduces attendees to our company, explains the role of a **school bus driver**, and provides an overview of potential work schedules, training opportunities, benefits, and career growth paths. Whether they already have a CDL or are just exploring a new opportunity, this is a great way to learn more about joining our team. Encourage your friends and family to attend and discover why driving with STS/SBC is more than a job, it's a career that makes a difference! Driver Orientation Class is held at the Safety & Training Center located at 1780 Smithtown Avenue, Ronkonkoma, NY. Attendees should email [CDLpermitclass@suffolkbus.com](mailto:CDLpermitclass@suffolkbus.com) to sign up or for additional information.

## Driver Assistants can earn a \$1,000 Step-Up Bonus!

Our DA to Driver Step-Up Bonus Program is designed to reward Driver Assistants who take the next step in their career by becoming a driver. Eligible employees can earn a \$1,000 bonus after successfully obtaining the necessary qualifications, being assigned a route as a driver, and maintaining that route for 60 days. Take the wheel and start your journey toward a rewarding new opportunity today!



## A Clean Vehicle Is a Safer Vehicle

Whether you drive a school bus, paratransit vehicle, or transit bus, keeping your vehicle clean is about much more than appearance it's an important part of safety, professionalism, and customer service. A clean vehicle helps drivers identify potential maintenance concerns more easily, reduces clutter that can create hazards, and provides a healthier environment for passengers and employees. For students, passengers, and the public, a clean vehicle reflects pride in our work and builds confidence in the transportation services we provide. Drivers should keep the driver's area free of food and beverages that could create distractions while operating the vehicle. Wiping down high-touch surfaces, removing trash, keeping windows clean, and performing regular interior inspections all contribute to a positive riding experience. Clean windows and mirrors also improve visibility, helping drivers operate safely in all conditions.

Every trip is an opportunity to make a great first impression. Taking a few extra minutes to keep your vehicle clean demonstrates professionalism, supports safety, and shows respect for the passengers who depend on us every day. **A clean vehicle isn't just good housekeeping; it's part of delivering exceptional transportation service.**



**Don't Miss the Partial Solar Eclipse on August 12!** On August 12, a partial solar eclipse will be visible in the northeastern United States during the afternoon hours.

Our area will see the moon cover a portion of the sun, causing daylight to dim slightly and shadows to appear softer than usual. While the change may be subtle, it's a unique opportunity to witness a fascinating celestial event.



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