



A Partnership in Safety

September 18, 2026

STUFF-A-BUS 2026

At Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc., we believe strong communities are built through partnership and service.



Thank you to United Way of Long Island for allowing us to be part of another successful Stuff-A-Bus event. Together, we helped ensure

students throughout our community begin the school year feeling prepared, confident, and supported. We are grateful for the continued partnership and the shared commitment to making a difference in the lives of Long Island families.



Unauthorized Boarding: Stay Alert, Stay Safe

The safety and security of our passengers begins the moment someone approaches our vehicle. As outlined in our SSPP, employees should remain vigilant at all times and be aware of who is boarding the bus. If an unauthorized individual attempts to board, you should immediately and clearly instruct them to leave the vehicle and explain that boarding without authorization is unlawful. If the individual refuses to comply, advise them that 911 will be notified and contact Dispatch immediately for assistance. Maintaining control of access to our buses helps protect our students, passengers, and employees from potential security threats. Never assume someone belongs on the vehicle simply because they appear familiar or confident. Trust your training, follow established procedures, and report any suspicious activity promptly. Staying alert and following our security protocols keep our passengers and communities safe every day.

Get to know Khatia Youngs, Charter Supervisor at our Coram Center, in this week's social media employee spotlight.



DRIVER ASSISTANTS must attend a one-hour mentoring class designed to provide practical guidance and help you succeed in your role. Build your skills and connect with coworkers by signing up on MPS or contacting Linda Licata at llicata@suffolkbuss.com or 631-665-3245, ext. 4163, to reserve your spot.

Coram Classroom - 1162 Old Town Road, Coram

- October 6 at 10:30am
- October 7 at 10:30am

Safety & Training Center Classroom

1780 Smithtown Avenue, Ronkonkoma

- October 13 at 10:30am
- October 14 at 10:30am
- October 14 at 5:30pm

Saxon Training Center – 50 Saxon Avenue, Bldg B, Bay Shore

- October 20 at 10:30am
- October 21 at 10:30am

PRE-TRIP INSPECTION. School buses safely transport our most valuable passengers each day, making vehicle safety a top priority. **Conducting a thorough pre-trip inspection** helps ensure the bus is operating properly and reduces the risk of breakdowns or accidents caused by mechanical issues. Federal and state regulations require all commercial drivers, including school bus drivers, to complete pre-trip and post-trip inspections. **For a refresher on proper inspection procedures, visit suffolkbuss.com, click on Safety, and select the Pre-Trip Inspection Video from the drop-down menu.** A proper inspection today can help prevent a problem tomorrow.



The first day of autumn arrives September 22, 2026, bringing new hazards for transit and school bus drivers as daylight shrinks and routes are increasingly driven in the dark. This seasonal shift makes spotting passengers at stops much more difficult, while crisp morning air can deflate tire pressure, making pre-trip inspections critical. Drivers must also navigate slick roads covered in wet leaves, dense morning fog, and blinding sun glare during peak rush hour. Staying alert, performing thorough inspections, and maintaining a safe following distance will ensure everyone stays safe through the fall transition.