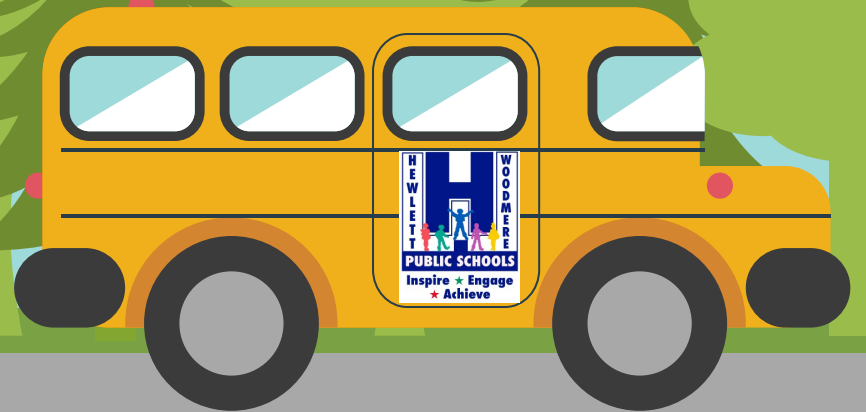


# HWPS Transportation Overview

Board of Education Work Meeting  
December 14, 2022



# School Bus Driver Shortage

*“More than half of America’s school districts report their driver shortage is ‘severe’ or ‘desperate,’ according to a nationwide survey.”*

*- CBS Evening News  
September 16, 2021*



# School Bus Driver Shortage

## Headlines in the News

*School districts dealing with 'severe driver shortage'*

The Daily Gazette - September 23, 2022

*Bus driver shortage persists in NY*

WTEN News 10 - September 23, 2022

**School bus driver shortage: Dozens of BOCES students still without rides**

Newsday - September 7, 2022

*Long Island parents brace for potential delays on first day of school due to bus driver shortage*


News12 Networks - August 24, 2022




# Factors Contributing to the School Bus Driver Shortage

- Worker Shortage & Increased Options: Uber, Lyft, Amazon Flex
- Enhanced Unemployment Benefits
- Impact of the Pandemic
- Expanded NYS testing requirements for school bus drivers
- Bus companies going out of business





**On Long Island, bus companies do not have enough bus drivers to adequately service all of their routes.**

- Buses running with prolonged delays or not running
  - More students on buses
  - Consolidating routes
  - Severe limitations on adding bus service
  - Impacting athletic transportation and field trips
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**Impact of  
Driver  
Shortage 21-22**

**01**

**Buses running  
on prolonged  
delay**

**02**

**Limitations on  
field trip and  
athletic buses**

**03**

**General bus  
contractor not  
able to service  
new routes**

# What has been done to mitigate impact of driver shortage?



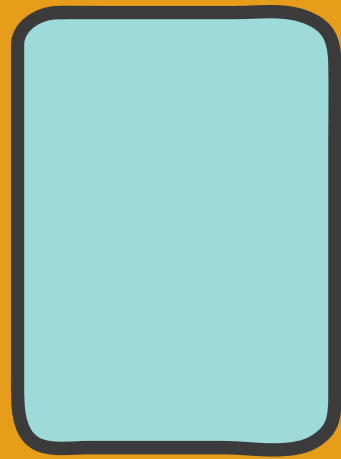
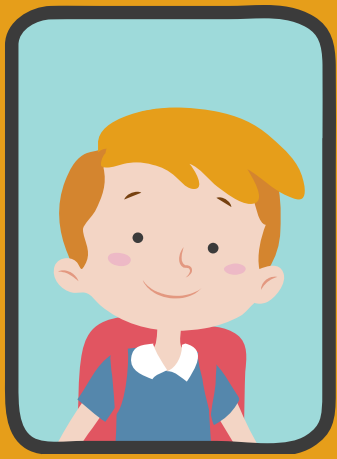
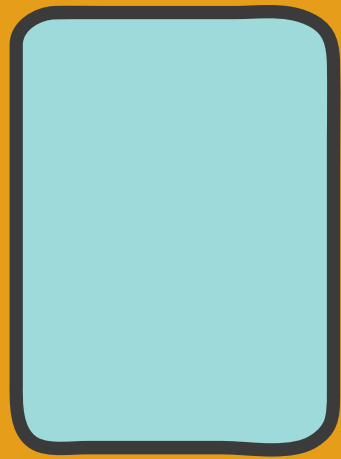
District contracted  
with 2 bus  
companies:  
22-23



District contracted  
for more per pupil  
routes:  
2018-2019



District contracted  
for 30 passenger  
vans:  
2017-2018



# Transportation Overview



# The District's transportation operations are expansive and complex:

2022-23	Schools	Students Transported
Public	5	1,295
Special Education	14	21
Non-Public	74	1,623
Total	93	2,939 <b>Bus Routes: 291</b>

# Transportation Overview

	2013-2014		2017-2018		2022-2023	
	Schools	Students Transported	Schools	Students Transported	Schools	Students Transported
Public	5	1,485	5	1,420	5	1,295
Special Education	27	47	16	27	14	21
Non-Public	64	968	61	1,264	74	1,623
Total	96	2,500	82	2,711	93	2,939



# Non-Public & Special Education Schools Served

School	Location
Ateres Chaya	Brooklyn
Bais Yaakov Ateres Miriam	Far Rockaway
Beacon School (a/k/a Ohr Dovid)	Brooklyn
Be'er Hagolah	Brooklyn
Beth Rivka Elementary	Brooklyn
Bnos Bais Yaakov	Far Rockaway
Bnos Malka Academy	Forest Hills
BOCES Career Preparatory High School	Westbury
BOCES CCA	Wantagh
BOCES Gerald R. Clapps Career & Technical Center	Levittown
BOCES Joseph M. Barry Career & Technical Education Center	Westbury
BOCES Long Island High School for the Arts	Syosset
BOCES Rosemary Kennedy School	Wantagh
BOCES Seaman Neck Middle School	Seaford
Bonim Lamokom	Brooklyn
Brandeis School	Lawrence
Brookville Center for Children's Services	Brookville
Chaminade	Mineola
Cheder at the Ohel	Valley Stream
Cheder Girls Division	Long Beach
Eden II Genesis Program	East Meadow
Gan Chayolei Hamelech	Brooklyn
HAFTR Elementary School	Lawrence
HAFTR High School	Cedarhurst

# Non-Public & Special Education Schools Served

School	Location
HAFTR Middle School	Lawrence
HALB DRS High School for Boys	Lawrence
HALB Elementary School	Cedarhurst
HALB Lev Chana Early Childhood Center	Hewlett
HALB Middle School	Cedarhurst
HALB Stella K Abraham High School for Girls	Hewlett
HANC Elementary School	West Hempstead
HANC High School	Uniondale
Holy Trinity High School	Hicksville
IVDU Upper School for Boys	Brooklyn
Jewish Institute of Queens Elementary & Middle School	Elmhurst
Jewish Institute of Queens High School for Boys	Flushing
Jewish Institute of Queens High School for Girls	Elmhurst
Kellenberg Memorial Middle & High School	Uniondale
Kulanu Torah Academy	Cedarhurst
Lawrence High School	Cedarhurst
Lawrence Middle School	Lawrence
Lawrence Woodmere Academy	Woodmere
Lubavitcher Yeshiva	Brooklyn
Madonna Heights	Dix Hills
Madonna Heights Schools	Dix Hills
Martin de Porres Elementary School	Elmont
Martin de Porres High School	Valley Stream
Martin de Porres Middle School	Elmont
Mesivta Ateres Yaakov of Long Island	Lawrence

# Non-Public & Special Education Schools Served

School	Location
Mesivta Chaim Shlomo	Far Rockaway
Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf	Mill Neck
North Shore Hebrew Academy High School	Great Neck
Oholei Torah	Brooklyn
Our Lady of Lourdes	Malverne
Our Lady of Peace	Valley Stream
Rambam Mesivta	Lawrence
Sacred Heart Academy	Hempstead
Seal Program - Great Neck Public Schools	Great Neck
Shefa School	Manhattan
Shelter Rock Academy - Herricks Public Schools	New Hyde Park
Shulamith High School	Woodmere
Shulamith School for Girls Early Childhood Division	Woodmere
Shulamith School for Girls Lower Division	Cedarhurst
Shulamith School for Girls Middle Division	Cedarhurst
Siach Yitzchok Elementary School	Far Rockaway
Siach Yitzchok Middle School	Far Rockaway
Solomon Schechter School of Long Island MS & HS	Williston Park
Special Torah Educational Program	Brooklyn
St Agnes Cathedral School	Rockville Centre
St Mary High School	Manhasset
STARS of Israel	Forest Hills
Tichon Meir Moshe	Far Rockaway
Torah Academy for Girls Elementary School	Far Rockaway
Torah Academy for Girls High School	Far Rockaway

# Non-Public & Special Education Schools Served

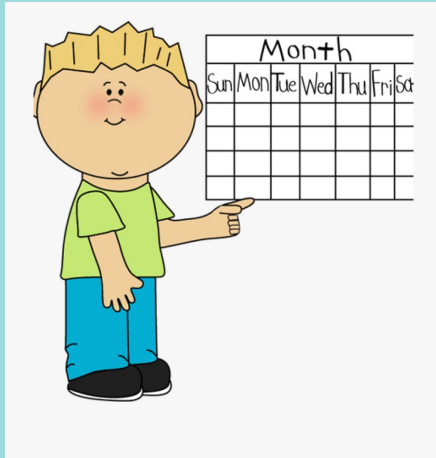
School	Location
Torah Academy for Girls Middle School	Far Rockaway
Waldorf School	Garden City
Winston Prep School of Long Island	Dix Hills
Yeshiva Central Queens	Flushing
Yeshiva Darchei Torah Elementary School	Far Rockaway
Yeshiva Darchei Torah Middle School	Far Rockaway
Yeshiva Far Rockaway	Far Rockaway
Yeshiva Har Torah	Little Neck
Yeshiva Ketana of Long Island Elementary School	Inwood
Yeshiva Ketana of Long Island Middle School	Inwood
Yeshiva Kol Torah	Inwood
Yeshiva Nishmas Hatorah	Woodmere
Yeshiva of South Shore	Hewlett
Yeshiva of South Shore - Hollander Early Childhood Center	Hewlett
Yeshiva Sha'are Zion	Forest Hills
Yeshiva Shaarei Chaim	Far Rockaway
Yeshiva University High School for Girls	Hollis
Yeshivath Gesher Elementary	Lawrence

# Transportation Office

- Planning



- Start of the School Year



- School Year

# Planning

Planning for the next school year starts in February and continues through the first day of school:

- \* Process nonpublic school transportation requests
- \* Review and update database for public school students, including students with special needs
- \* Obtain information and calendars from nonpublic schools
- \* Develop bus routes
- \* Bid new transportation routes
- \* Assign routes to bus companies





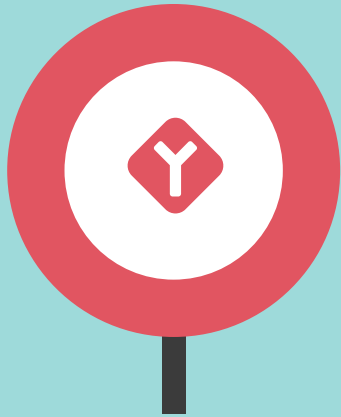
# Planning

- \* Send information and bus lists to schools
- \* Mail bus passes

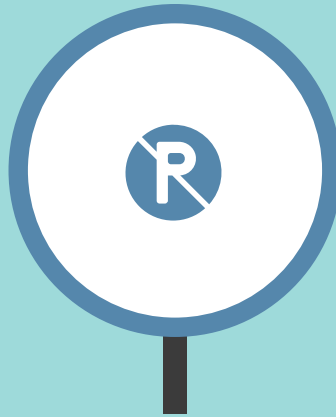


# Planning

## Efforts to Improve Services to Families



**Non-public family  
email addresses  
2022-23**



**Text message  
alerts  
2021-22**

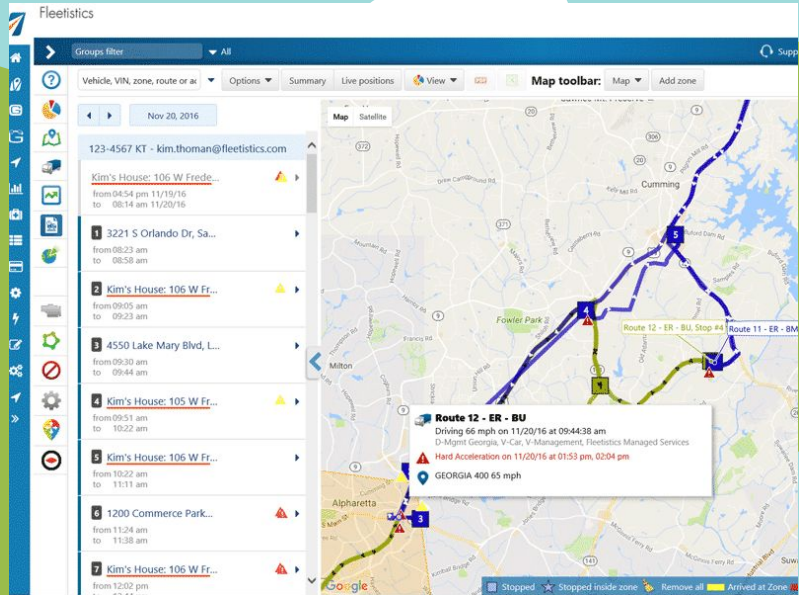


**Part-time PM  
Dispatcher  
2019-2020**

# Planning

## Efforts to Improve Services to Families

Currently working to have  
GPS tracking.  
Provides helpful information  
when addressing issues.



# Start of the School Year



Resolve Issues



Restructure Routes



Revisit Service

# Start of the School Year

Monitor performance of routes, allow for making appropriate adjustments, and assist the Transportation Office in providing parents and schools with information to address concerns.

SCHOOL	HAFTR <u>Michelle Beauchamp</u>			
ROUTE:	HAFTR #93		PM	
	<u>10/8 - 10/12</u>		✓	
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR
Student Count	24	23	22	
ARRIVE AT SCHOOL	350	352	351	347
LEAVE SCHOOL	400	403	400	357
FIRST STOP	405	409	407	403

# School Year

On a daily basis, the Transportation Office and bus company address and 'troubleshoot' a range of issues:

- \* Student behavior
- \* Substitute driver issues
- \* Traffic
- \* Construction & road conditions
- \* Breakdowns
- \* Weather
- \* Accidents
- \* Parents not at bus stops



# School Year

- School administrators and parents are encouraged to address issues concerning transportation with the Transportation Office and not the bus company.
- The Transportation Office has a dispatcher on duty from 7:00 am to 7:00 p.m.\*

\*7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Fridays.

# School Year

The Transportation Office is committed to providing all of our students with transportation services that are safe & efficient.

**During a school year, the Transportation Office is responsible for more than 1,000,000 one-way student trips to and from school.**





# Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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Safely!