

As The Wheel Turns

Transportation Newsletter

Transportation Team –

Welcome back to a brand-new school year!

As we gear up for another exciting journey, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your dedication, resilience, and unwavering commitment to our students and families. You are the heartbeat of our district's daily operations, and your work truly makes a difference – one stop at a time.

This year, we're embracing the theme: "***Creating Endless Possibilities One Stop at a Time.***" Every route you drive, every student you greet, and every challenge you overcome opens the door to new opportunities and brighter futures. You are not just moving buses – you're moving lives forward.

Let's continue to support one another, communicate openly, and strive for excellence in everything we do. I'm proud to lead such a passionate and professional team, and I look forward to all we'll accomplish together this year.

Here's to a safe, successful, and inspiring school year!

With deep appreciation,



Mr. Vec Dunn

Executive Director of Transportation
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL WITH SUPERINTENDENT DR. HILL AND CMS BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR STEPHANIE SNEED



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SUMMER 2025 RECAP



Members of the team had a great time at the NCPTA Transposium in Wilmington this June!

The team left inspired and equipped with new tools, ideas, and connections to keep moving our students safely and efficiently.

We're proud to celebrate **Zach Headden** (Routing Technician), one of our talented CMS Transportation routing technicians, who recently showcased his skills at the North Carolina Pupil Transportation Association (NCPTA) Conference in Wilmington, NC. Congrats on second place



Transportation leaders from across the Southeast gathered in Richmond, VA, for the 72nd Annual Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference – and we were proud to be part of the conversation!

Our very own **Myrone Truesdale** (Transportation Operations Director) and **Monique Jackson** (Transportation Area Manager) spent the week learning, connecting, and exploring new strategies to keep student transportation safe, reliable, and forward-thinking.



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SUMMER 2025 RECAP

We had a great time at the CMS Transportation Back-to-School Conference and Pep Rally at Ballantyne Ridge High School in early August. Special thanks to **Superintendent Dr. Crystal Hill** for joining us.



On August 9, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Transportation attended the Back-to-School Celebration at Truist Field. School Bus Safety Instructor **Marybeth Kubinski** helped students register for transportation and learn about school safety during the event.

This summer, CMS Transportation Manager **Monique Jackson** had the unique opportunity to take her passion for student safety abroad. Invited to Rome, Italy, for an international Author's Retreat, Monique presented a workshop on school bus safety using her children's book, *Gus the Talking Safety Bus*.



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NEW CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN CMS TRANSPORTATION

As our department continues to grow and expand, we are constantly seeking new opportunities to maximize our mission and vision! Our commitment to serving the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools community remains unwavering, and we are excited to announce new job openings that reflect our growth. Openings include:

- [Bus Driver](#) | Responsible for driving a school bus to provide safe, efficient, and on-time transportation of CMS students to and from assigned schools on a daily basis.
- [Technician I](#) | Responsible for performing routine preventative maintenance on vehicular equipment including gasoline and diesel-driven vehicles to maintain a safe economical fleet.
- [Technician II](#) | Performs complex duties in the operation, repair and maintenance of buses and other vehicles in the school transportation program. Most work is performed based on prior experience. The employee is expected to troubleshoot and resolve problems of varied complexity and difficulty with little assistance. Significant problems may be referred to a supervisor. Most errors are expected to be resolved by the employee. The employee receives general supervision and work is occasionally reviewed while in progress.
- [Director, Fleet](#) | The Director of Fleet Services provides leadership in managing, directing, and coordinating safe, efficient, and economical maintenance of school buses, activity buses and fleet vehicles. This position is responsible for ensuring total compliance with all aspects of legal, financial, preventive maintenance and safety regulations relating to the maintenance and repair of school buses and transportation fleet vehicles.
- [Quality Support Technician \(Garinger\)](#) | Provides transportation-specific information, quality customer care and service to district staff, parents and the public. Assures that customers receive efficient and courteous services. Assists the area office with daily operational tasks, researches, analyzes, resolves and responds to customers' questions, issues and/or concerns.

To learn more about open positions, please visit cmsk12.org/careers to learn more, apply, and share with your networks! (Links will remain active until the position closes).



CMS Transportation has partnered with Atrium Health to provide social and emotional well-being support to all Transportation employees. This service, whether virtual or in-person, will be available at no cost for all transportation area offices and central office support staff.

We understand the importance of mental health, and this partnership is a significant step toward ensuring the well-being of our CMS Transportation family. [Learn more about the offerings here.](#)

What concerns can the behavioral health services address?

You are encouraged to contact the behavioral health provider for whatever may be causing you any level of emotional distress. Feel free to reach out to discuss any of the following: Relationship and parenting issues, overcoming feelings of being stuck, developing coping strategies, goal setting and making action plans, anger, grief and stress, anxiety and depressed mood, substance use and additions, managing life's changes.

To schedule an appointment, call **704-275-1666**.



Shenequa Thomas, a Winston-Salem State University graduate with a Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling, is a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor and Certified Rehabilitation Counselor. With over a decade of experience in mental health, wellness, and community leadership & advocacy, she is dedicated to making a positive impact. Shenequa has experience in providing individual, couples, and group therapy to diverse populations.

On-Site Schedule:

- Mondays: 3901 Craig Avenue
- Tuesdays: 3101 Wilkinson Boulevard
- Wednesdays: 11751 Downs Road
- Thursdays: 4400 Northpointe Boulevard
- Fridays: 6520 Orr Road

2025–2026 WILDLY IMPORTANT GOALS

1

Maintain or exceed an on-time arrival average of 93–95% in the morning, and 88–89% in the afternoon.

2

Decrease the annual DPI inspection score to 40–42 points.

3

Achieve a 3% increase in new hires and reduce separations by 3% year-over-year.

4

Install and implement a new GPS system by August 2026.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR UPDATES

Monday, September 2: Labor Day (CMS Holiday)

Tuesday, September 9: Teacher Workday

Tuesday, September 23: Teacher Workday

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