

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

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DATA FROM LAST YEAR

- This is AM and PM
- 36 sites out of 117 were impacted over 100 times by the driver shortage.
- 9 were non-BPS programs
- 27 were BPS Schools
- The top 10 impacted BPS Schools were 45, 74, 3, 156, 89, 43, 94, 30, 93, 84
- 41 out of 472 bus routes were uncovered 50 or more times.

Reimbursing Parents for Transporting their Child(ren) to School: Preliminary data shows this could have some positive impact. Next Steps include parent informational sessions. Timeline shows a mid-November start date.

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Expressing Routes: this strategy will consolidate bus routes, reducing the number of drivers needed. There is potential to eliminate 10-15 routes; this strategy is currently in action for a Sept. 6th impact.

Enhancing Before School

Programming: Implementing this program in all elementary schools would allow for multiple tiers of bus runs to occur in the morning, reducing wait time for students. Timeline shows a possible as soon as Sept. 6th or mid-September.

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Distributing NFTA Passes to Families: As an alternative to using school bus transportation, this strategy could cover the expense of parents transporting child(ren) to and from school. Timeline shows this can occur starting Sept. 6th.

Commercial Driver Resources



Steps to get a Commercial Driver License (CDL)

1. Have NYS Driver License (Class D, E or Non-CDL C) or a valid CDL from another state.
2. Prepare for written test.
 - Study [CDL Driver Manual](#)
3. Apply for Commercial Learner Permit at a DMV Office.
 - Application fee of \$10
 - [Application \(MV-44\)](#)
4. Pay \$40 CDL road test (Skills test) fee before scheduling road test.
 - Can pay when DMV issues your Commercial Learner Permit or [pay online](#)
5. Complete Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) prior to taking CDL road test.
 - [ELDT FAQs](#)
6. Prepare for road test.
 - Study [CDL Driver Manual](#)
 - Practice with supervision by a driver who hold the same license class as the vehicle being driven
 - Those seeking a bus driver CDL are required to receive the 'P' (passenger) endorsement and 'S' (school) endorsement.
7. Schedule CDL road test (skills test).
 - [Road Test Scheduling System](#)
 - CDL Driver Manual [Sections 11-13](#) covers the skills
8. Take your road test at least 14 days after receiving Commercial Learner Permit.



Common Mistakes

- Failure to do air brake check
- Not setting the brake (vehicle moves)
- Performing air brake check incorrectly
- Not studying the CDL Driver Manual

Important Resources

- [NYS CDL Driver's Manual](#)
- [Training Provider Registry](#)
- [Explanation of Driver License Classes, Endorsements & Restrictions \(MV-500C\)](#)
- [Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration](#)



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CURRENT STATUS

- Driver Shortage Status
- Bus Aide Staffing
- Uncovered Routes
- Parent Reimbursement Program

DRIVER STATUS

- 454 drivers between 5 locations
- 22 candidates in paid training
- Still awaiting background clearance on 10 additional (offer letters given, CDL permit passed)
- 155 applications received last week
- Interview blitz scheduled for this coming Saturday, to date 60 candidates scheduled to be interviewed

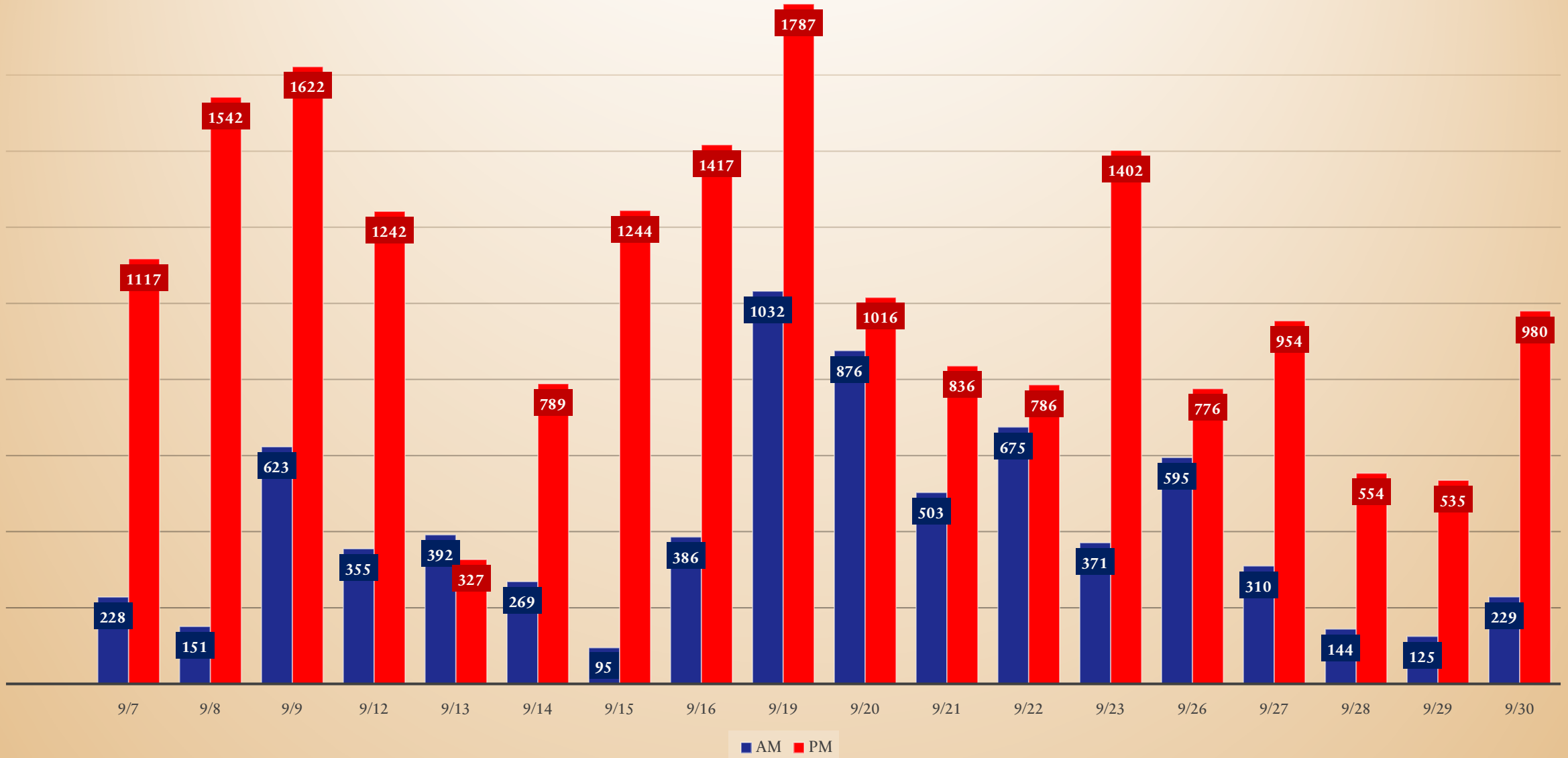
BUS AIDE STATUS

- 287 Active district bus aides
- 60 First Student bus aides
- 347 total aides available before absences
- 143 candidates waiting for Civil Service approval
- 11 candidates waiting for fingerprint clearance
- 15 candidates scheduled for pre-service on 10/6/22
- Open house staffing events are scheduled for 10/12 & 10/22

DATA FROM SEPTEMBER

- The top impacted (Over 10 uncovered routes) BPS Schools for AM were 17, 42, 54, 84. There are also 2 non BPS sites at this level.
- The top impacted (Over 10 uncovered routes) BPS Schools for PM were 18, 19, 30, 42, 43, 45, 48, 53, 64, 79, 81, 84, 89, 94, 97 and 302. There are also 3 non BPS sites at this level.

Students Impacted by Driver Shortage



QUESTIONS?

