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## Program

NYAPT Winter Workshop is an annual tradition, bringing important, industry specific information and knowledge to school transportation supervisors and managers of school bus operations. We bring this mid-year program to you in this pandemic era in virtual format in recognition of your safety and good health. All workshops are held in General Session and leaders from our vendor community will be on hand exhibiting at specific times throughout the event.



A special thank you to Nassau County Chapter of NYAPT for their generous Platinum Sponsorship of the Conference and Trade Show Technology! In this age of virtual conferences, they recognized the need and they stepped up. Well done, Nassau County!

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021 – Welcome!

- 9:30 AM**      **Opening Remarks** - **President Ted Nugent** will open the Winter Workshop with remarks to kick off this special event.
- 9:45 AM**      **Special Guest Speaker** – **Senator Mike Martucci** – Mike Martucci is serving his first term as the Senator for the 42nd NYS Senate District, which comprises all of Sullivan County and parts of Orange, Ulster and Delaware counties. He is the ranking member of the Senate Committees on Developmental Disabilities and Small Business, Commerce and Economic Development. Mike is a small businessman who employed hundreds of people locally at his former company, Quality Bus Service, which was responsible for safely transporting thousands of school children each day in and near the 42nd senate district. Mike and his wife Erin own a family farm in the Town of Westtown and established a family foundation to support local women and children in need, educational opportunities, job creation, and agriculture initiatives. Mike and Erin have three children and live in the Town of Wawayanda.

10:00 AM



**The Emotionally Intelligent Leader – Bill Hoosty – WHR Consulting**

In order to be an effective leader, we need to have our emotional “stuff” in check. Interpersonal relationships in the workplace are important to succeed in today’s workplace. Self-awareness, self-regulation and empathy are all skills vital to meet our goals as school transportation leaders. In this session, Bill will define leadership, explain how increasing your EI adds to your leadership skill set and give examples of the four areas that comprise emotional intelligence.

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11:00 AM

**Department of Motor Vehicle Update – Tracy Wheaton, Torrina Adams, Ken Degan**

DMV is here to update us on new regulations, the electronic review process and a Q&A on testing and investigation matters. Bring your questions and we will have the answers directly from DMV!

12:00 Noon

**Lunch Break** – Lunch on your own. We will reconvene the workshop at 1:00. Be sure to sign on using the Day 1 – PM session Zoom Invite.

1:00 PM



**PEACE Program – Accomplishing Your Goals – Tony Civitella – President & CEO**

**Transfinder** - Safety concerns and protocols are what keeps school transportation professionals up at night. As professionals, we must maintain our focus on safety at all times. Tony will talk about a self-made plan that he has developed to allow all of you to have the **PEACE** of mind that you are doing the right things to maximize safety, using a detailed plan and maximizing the use of technology.

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2:00 PM

**Visit the Trade Show** - Stop in and say hello and find out more about their respective businesses and what they offer our industry.

3:00 PM

**New York Truck Voucher Incentive Program – Ben Mandel & Rachel Zook – Center for Sustainable Energy** – New York is committed to converting the state school bus fleet to electric power. The NYTVIP provides funding to school districts for that purpose. Attend this session to hear the latest funding available through this program.

3:30 PM

**FMCSA/USDOT Update - Tim Grimley – Safety Investigator** – Attend this session to hear the latest on the FMCSA Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse is now operational and mandatory use is now in effect. If you are not registered or have questions regarding the Clearinghouse, attend this session to get your questions answered.

4:00 PM



**NYAPT Awards and Recognition** – President Nugent turns the meeting over to Past President Mike Sweeney who will present the 2020 NYAPT Awards. We were unable to honor our own this past summer due to the cancellation of the summer NYAPT conference. Attend this session as we are presenting our 2020 awards! Today we award the Tech of the Year, President’s Award and a special Hall of Fame Award. Do not miss this event!

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**Closing remarks for the day – see you tomorrow!**

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021 - Welcome Back!

**9:30 AM**      **Developing a Winning Bus Replacement Schedule – Stacey Bruce and Greg Race - Leonard Bus Sales, Inc.** One of the most important annual tasks of the Transportation Supervisor is to recommend the replacement of school buses. This is likely the most expensive purchase a school district transportation department makes as it has short- and long-term implications for the department. It is important to have a logical plan in place to replace buses in order to make an informed recommendation. Attend this session to learn how to develop a winning bus replacement schedule.

**10:15 AM**      **Seat Belts in School Buses – How Did We Get Here, What Does the Future Hold? – Derek Graham – Industry Consultant – Retired State Director, State of North Carolina.** Derek will share his experience in rolling out lap-shoulder belts in North Carolina and thoughts about implementation of seat belts on school buses going forward.”



For years and years, the only option for seat belts in school buses was a lap belt. The issues with lap belts are well known and have been discussed for decades. Lap-shoulder belt technology has been available for over 15 years now and flexible seating since 2007. In this session we will review the history of the issue and the “state of the union” with new legislation in many states. With real-world experience growing by the day, we will look at emerging trends regarding the components of a successful implementation.

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**11:15 AM**      **Leadership in the Transportation Department – Marc Medina – Farmingdale School District.** As a relatively new school Transportation Director, Marc has taken the initiative to expand his leadership skills and knowledge to better serve his school district. He has an interest in applying military leadership principles to his leadership skill set, understanding that many military leadership skills apply to our industry. He will share what he has learned with attendees in this session.

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch Break** – Lunch on your own. We will reconvene the workshop at 1:00. Be sure to sign on using the Day 2 – PM session Zoom Invite.

**1:00 PM**      **Dealing with the Stress and Anxiety of the COVID-19 Pandemic – Dr. Joseph Volpe – Clinical Psychologist.** The COVID pandemic has dealt a blow to all of us! It has added unmeasurable stress to our lives and our loved ones, including the kids we transport. Dr. Volpe will share some tips on how to manage those stresses and anxieties to help us get through the pandemic and come out the other side better than when we went in!

**2:00 PM**      **Visit the Trade Show - Stop in and say hello and find out more about their respective businesses and what they offer our industry.**

**3:00 PM**      **State Education Department Update – State Director Paul Overbaugh.** Welcome our colleague Paul Overbaugh as he updates NYAPT on SED regulations and processes to help us stay in compliance with SED regulations with the overall goal of KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE!



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**4:00 PM**      **Art Schock Award Presentation – Peter Lawrence & Dave Dwyer.** Peter and Dave will present NYAPT’s most prestigious award – don’t miss it!



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**Closing and Send Off! – President Nugent**

# Virtual Trade Show Exhibit Hall

Many vendors are at the conference to showcase their newest products. Vendors are critical to the success of the school transportation business in New York State and their participation in our conference is vital and appreciated. Enjoy lively breaks and the opportunity to engage with vendors that serve your community and interact with your fellow members from districts, industry, agency and advocacy alike! *Show your support for our vendor partners who support NYAPT!*



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