

## NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK AND SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEES APPRECIATION DAY

WHEREAS, Richmond Public Schools (RPS) bus drivers normally transport more than 90 percent of the division's students each day, safely and efficiently between school and home; and

WHEREAS, each year, a fleet of over 200 RPS buses travel over 2 million miles; and

WHEREAS, school bus transportation administrators, operators, and monitors remain diligent in their efforts to ensure the safe and efficient transportation of thousands of students in Virginia on a daily basis, and their efforts are critical to the operation of our schools; and

WHEREAS, school bus transportation employees serve with love, professionalism, and enthusiasm; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to highlight the importance of our essential school bus transportation team, who provided food delivery to our students during our virtual year, and have now implemented new safety guidelines in order to protect the many students in their care; and

WHEREAS, school buses transport students, not just to and from school, but also allow students to participate in athletics, extended day, and experiential learning such as field trips; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Richmond, the school administration salute and appreciate school bus transportation employees and recognize the invaluable contributions they make to public education and student success;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of school bus transportation employees, the School Board of the City of Richmond and the Administration join the Commonwealth of Virginia, and recognize October 18-21, 2021 as National School Bus Safety Week, and October 20, 2021 as School Bus Transportation Employees Appreciation Day, and call upon all citizens to join in celebration and support of school bus transportation employees.