

N. B. A. S. Transportation ...

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Mission

New Buffalo Transportation strives to move and safeguard all the students and adults that put their lives in our hands

Drivers keep advancing

- Continuing education
- Physicals
- Updated testing
- ELDT: Entry Level Driver Training

Who's who of Transpo

Van

James Williams
Desiree Williams
Bill Conway
Tami Drewes

Bus

John Riley
Jose Martinez
Shawn Drewes
Jennifer Sabich
Trina Turensek
Carter Vraviss

Garage

Tom Whitsel
Chase O'Donnell
Trevor LaBerge

Sub

Drivers

Rich Knoll
John Pfeiffer

Drivers

CDL and Bus testing

CDL test, Physicals, Drug test, Bus class for TIP, 180 Point Pre trip testing, A & A bus test, Federal random drug testing, continuing education courses

ELDT

This is a three part course. Theory, hands on , and behind the wheel that all drivers must take before they are able to take the road test

The First and Last

We are the first to say hello and the last to say goodbye.



BusRight is a program that works to enhance student safety, streamline bus communication, and manage routes at the touch of a button. This adds a GPS, speed, crash, and sudden stop sensor to every bus. The tablets let sub drivers jump right into a new route and the software makes building routes much faster. This also lets us live track every bus to know eta and speed.



Drivers

We look good on bus drivers, we have 6 full time CDL drivers. We currently have 2 daily van drivers but we would like to add 2 more.

We have 3 subs all of which have CDL's which means we can cover vans or buses

School buses make up the largest mass transit system in the United States

Problems -

Retention, we need to keep everyone we have with summer coming. It is hard on everyone to go without a steady paycheck for the summer.

Upcoming

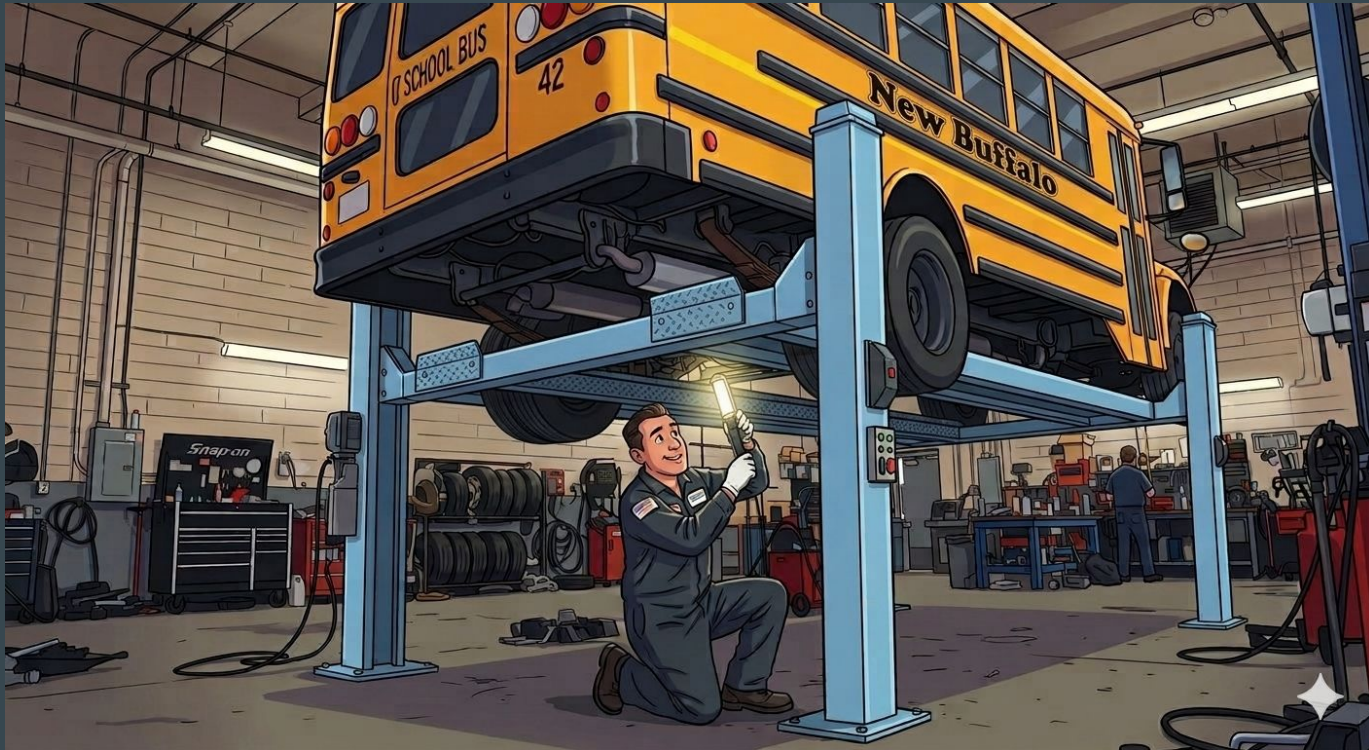
The Transportation Department at NBAS is working on the start of another great year and we are excited to keep going.

Rodeo top three in the region and went to state. John came in 22 for the state



Start of the year looking good

School bus state inspections perfect score



Numbers

237 Student requested transportation. The first one on August 5th our very own Jake Stella and the most recent this morning when I came into the office



Moving Forward

Adding electronic pre and post
trip working on adding
van tracking and telematics to our
white fleet



Brumley Law Firm on School Bus Crash Data

It is important to acknowledge that school buses remain one of the safest modes of transportation for students. In fact, of the 343,391 fatal motor vehicle crashes, only 0.28% involved school buses. This low accident rate is largely due to stringent regulations and safety features on school buses, such as the iconic yellow color, rollover protection, and flashing stop-arms, all designed to minimize the risk of injury and fatality.

Any Questions

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