



# *Charlottesville* Schools & City Bus Transportation Update



November 2, 2023

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# Where We Are Now

By The Numbers as of 10/24/2023



- 214 students on waitlist (all are low need level, based on family-reported need)
  - Waitlist numbers continuously fluctuate
  - CCS has encouraged families to update priority as needed
  - Down from over 795 in August
- 12 pupil drivers, 3 relief drivers & 3 leads
  - 1 full-time driver added since the start of school

***Weekly process working with School Bus Logistics and the City Pupil Transportation Office routes high priority/need students while also examining actual bus ridership to add more students from waitlists on to existing routes***

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# Looking Ahead

## More Numbers as of 10/24/2023

- 3 full-time drivers in training, scheduled for DMV testing in November
- 2 full-time drivers cleared to begin training in mid-November
- 1 full-time candidate in the hiring process
- 1 relief driver in training, scheduled for DMV testing in November
- 4 relief driver candidates in the hiring process

***Anticipate full re-routing of all eligible students to improve route efficiencies and eliminate all waitlists for a new route set to go into effect after the winter break.***

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# Big Picture

**We're in Year 2 of a new approach to school transportation**

Long-term culture shift

**We remain solutions-oriented!**

**We are not alone, and other communities are learning from us**

Guidance given to Raleigh, NC & Winchester, VA schools

We presented this work at national school communications conference in July

Our Safe Routes work is being featured in state & national Safe Routes conversations



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# Want to help?

## Recruitment

- Substitute crossing guard & walking bus staff
  - Paid & volunteer opportunities
- Project managers for City of Cville Public Works
- Regular or relief bus driver (including role of driving smaller Type A 14-passenger bus for school events)

