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# *Charlottesville Schools & City* Bus Transportation Update

September 5, 2024

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# Where We Are Now

By The Numbers as of 8/28/2024



- No waitlist!
- 15 pupil drivers, 4.5 relief drivers (2 CCS staff) & 3 leads
  - 2 resignations since the start of school
  - 1 driver in the hiring process (starting training in mid-September)
- Thanks for patience with new drivers, start-of-school delays, and driver illnesses!

***Re-routing work in progress this week to go into effect September 9th:***

- ***Rebalancing for actual ridership and capacities***
  - ***Addressing GIS boundary error in the original routing***
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# Looking Ahead

## Organizational Change

We are working with the City to move the position that does routing, reporting, special needs transportation planning and other technical & support functions out of the contract for Pupil services.

In conjunction with the position change, we are also working together to move the VersaTrans routing program out of the contract and over to CCS IT.

*These changes will further improve operational & systems integration and functionality.*

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# Big Picture

We're in Year 3 of a new approach to school transportation

Long-term culture shift

We remain solutions-oriented! - Recent Examples:

- Partnering with other organizations to build family agency
- Partnering with the City to improve bike & pedestrian infrastructure:
  - Rosehill & Rugby intersection improvements completed
  - Oakleaf improvements
  - Addition of sidewalk below E. High & Hazel
  - Johnson sidewalk improvements
  - Always more in progress (Belmont Ave. at Clark, etc...)



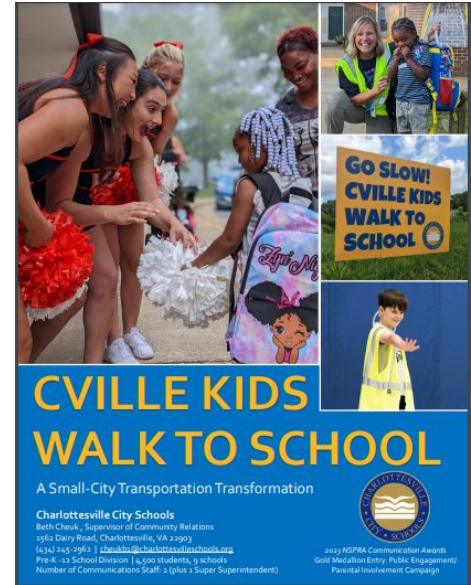
# We are not alone. We learn from other communities, and other communities are learning from us.

Guidance given to Raleigh, NC & Winchester, VA schools last year

CCS presented this work at national school communications conference in July 2023

Our City Safe Routes program continues to be part of state & national conversations, including City presentations at:

- National Association of City Transportation Officials NACTO (May 2024)
- Virginia Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (July 2024)



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# Want to help?

## Recruitment

- Substitute crossing guard
  - Paid & volunteer opportunities available
- Regular or relief bus driver

