



VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

TO: Mr. Rutherford Ulysses Whitfield

FROM: Darrin Wills, VAPT President

DATE: June 6, 2024

RE: 70 Years of Service

Dear Mr. Whitfield,

On behalf of the Virginia Association for Pupil Transportation, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your impeccable years of service to your students, parents, school officials, and community. We are honoring your 70 years of excellent service to Suffolk Public Schools and celebrating the legacy of hard work and commitment you leave behind. Further, that you have only missed two partial days from work truly speaks to your values, character, and work ethic. Suffolk Public Schools Transportation Department has been blessed to have such an exemplary employee for many decades to transport students to and from school.

Mr. Whitfield, it was a privilege to work with you during my time with Suffolk Public Schools Transportation Department. Your pleasant demeanor, professionalism, immaculate cleanliness of your bus, as well as your commitment, dedication, and positive energy that you exhibited each day was nothing short of amazing.

We wish you continued success, good health, and prosperity for many more years to come. Again, what an amazing accomplishment to have the most years of service within the Commonwealth of Virginia and across the country! The VAPT Board would not have let this opportunity go unnoticed for thousands of days worked, miles traveled, school years, and hours served not be recognized by all. We will be sharing this across the Commonwealth of Virginia for others to see your good works. Thank you, Mr. Whitfield and we hope you enjoy your well-earned retirement!

Respectfully,

Darrin Wills

Darrin Wills, VAPT President and VAPT Board

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