



# VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

TO: Transportation Directors, VAPT Members, Vendors

FROM: Darrin Wills, VAPT President

DATE: August 15, 2024

SUBJECT: School Openings

Greetings and welcome back to another successful school year! It is our hope that all of you have had an opportunity to relax a little and rejuvenate for this upcoming school year. I know many of you have been performing summer programs, CDL training, driver recruitment, mechanics summer work, and preparing for your back-to-school in- service meetings, just to name a few.

The VAPT board would like to take this opportunity to say “thank you” as it takes very special people to do what we do on a daily basis in transporting our students to and from school. As the 2024 -2025 school year starts, we look forward to the Regional Director’s meetings kicking off with strong communication amongst your regions, engaging and collaborating, your emergency contact list being updated, and supporting and assisting one another as needed. We are truly better together, and we all share the same common missions/goals in providing safe and reliable transportation to all of our young people daily. So, start your engines Commonwealth and let’s go forth and show others how strong we are as one! Recognizing the strength and unity with your respective districts will continue to flourish as we travel millions and millions of miles each year.

We, the board, will continue the good work within our association as we look forward to VAPT being stronger than before during this school year. Have a great school opening and school year!

Kind regards,

*Darrin Wills*

Darrin Wills and VAPT Board

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