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Receiving my Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and a career in business over the past 30 years as an entrepreneur and corporate manager, I received my Master's Degree in Educational Leadership, and Education Specialist Degree, with a Central Office Certification; I offer a skill set in Educational Leadership beyond the traditional path.

Employed by the Chippewa Valley School District as a school bus driver since 2005, while working in the private sector of the service industry; I completed my research methodology work in how ancillary staff, specifically school bus drivers, can positively affect student outcomes. Published in School Transportation News, MAPT Keynote conference speaker and workshop leader, my message to school districts can be an important benefit from this practical approach in communication and training.

Speaking topics:

How Bus Drivers can create positive student Outcomes:

School bus drivers are the first school employee that student's see in the morning to start and then end their day. When properly trained, drivers can provide building administrators and staff with valuable student insights.

Administrators can gain student perspectives from school bus drivers:

Administrators have traditionally received student conduct bus referrals from the Director of Transportation. Without ever speaking directly to a bus driver, the administrator gets a partial view of why the referral was initiated. Administrators miss valuable perspective and information that the bus driver can provide to the administrator's decision making process regarding the student behavior.

Training school bus drivers:

The primary job performance of the school bus driver is to safely transport students to and from school each day. I contend that drivers can be trained to be effective communicators with students, administrators, and teachers to positively influence and affect student outcomes.

Article published in School Transportation News regarding Tom Korth's Research Methodology paper.

[Driving Students to Greater Success on the School Bus. www.stnonline.com](http://www.stnonline.com)
<http://www.stnonline.com/news/latest-news/item/8093-the-driver-to-transport-students-to-greater-success>

Peer statements:

"This effort is commended and your work will impact the lives of students and also shed light to others in your field about how valuable and vital of a role they play as a Bus Driver. Chippewa Valley Schools is blessed to have you as a member of our team! We appreciate all that you do for Chippewa Valley Schools!"

Dawn Leone
Human Resources Supervisor - Chippewa Valley Schools

"Education's ancillary services (food service, custodial, transportation, clerical, instructional support like aides & paraprofessionals) are eating up valuable resources with diminishing results. Lot's of causes and effects, I would presume....but in the name of "cutting costs," we have morphed into a world where these "extra" services are incorrectly perceived as "non essential."

Your research provides evidence to the contrary, and that is why your voice must be heard..... the written "voice" and your presentation "voice."

Craig Douglas, Ph.D.,
Saginaw Valley State University

"Very well done. I completely agree with your hypothesis. School bus drivers make a huge difference as they are the first adult (other than parents) to see kids each morning. I have observed the difference they make for many years. I look forward to hearing more."

Ron Roberts
Superintendent – Chippewa Valley Schools