

Transportation Open Mic

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- School Bus Driver – 2005-present
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- Chippewa Valley Schools Transportation Director 3 years
- Jackson Public Schools 1 year
- MSBO Transportation Committee Chair
- MAPT Legislative Committee Chair
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Don A. Ball

- Director of Facilities and Transportation
- 30 years of experience at all levels of school operations
- Transportation Director for South Lake Schools and Warren Woods Public Schools

Transportation Challenges

- What are the Challenges you are facing?
 - Drivers
 - Maintenance
 - Routes

Current issues to consider:

- Auditor General Audit – credentialing 2026/Supervisors 2027/CEC
- MDE New directives related to OAG Audit
- SE 4107 Bus Clarification issues – amortization/ridership related to fleet
- 22 L Transportation reimbursements
- Third Party TNC Transportation Network Companies

Where Can You Find Help

- Look Around the Room
- MSBO Exchange
- MAPT Members

What Words of Wisdom Can You Share

- What can you tell someone coming into transportation?
- What is the worst day you have had?
- What did you learn from it?

Bus Drivers

- The first to see students
- The last to see students
- Watchdogs for safety and security