



# SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISORS OF NEW JERSEY

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To: STS General Membership  
From: Janine Byrnes, President  
Re: Notice and Agenda

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the by-laws of the School Transportation Supervisors of New Jersey that the General Membership meeting is set for **9:30 AM, Wednesday June 4, 2025.** The meeting will be held at the **Forsgate Country Club, 375 Forsgate Drive, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831.**

## AGENDA

9:00 AM to 9:30 AM	SIGN IN – Coffee, tea served
9:30 AM	Call to order Salute to the American Flag Roll Call Approval of Minutes Treasurer's Report Presentation of 2025-2026 Budget Area Directors Report
9:45 AM	President's Report
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	<b>"Leading from the Center"</b> <b><i>Molly McGee-Hewitt, Executive Director and CEO</i></b> NAPT
11:30 AM to 11:45 AM	<b>Transportation Updates</b> <b><i>Susan Spence, NJDOE</i></b>
11:45 PM	Lunch Break
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Committee Reports Certification of Election Old Business New Business Open Forum
1:30 PM	Adjournment



**DIRECTIONS TO Forsgate Country Club, 375 Forsgate Drive, Monroe Twp, NJ 08831**

Directions: NJ Turnpike to exit 8A. Exit left ramp to Jamesburg – Route #32 East.  
Proceed for 1 1/4 miles through the traffic light. The Forsgate Country Club is on the left.  
Use second entrance on the left.

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Registration: BOTH GENERAL MEETINGS INCLUDED IN FULL MEMBERS DUES.  
ONE GENERAL MEETING INCLUDED IN ASSOCIATE MEMBER DUES.  
RETIREES WHO ARE HONORARY MEMBERS ARE COMPLIMENTARY.  
\$45.00 per person (for contractor members, vendor members, and non-members)  
(No Refunds)

Please forward your registration to be received **no later than May 27, 2025**. A check, purchase order or copy of a purchase order must accompany your mail registration. Faxed registrations must be accompanied by a copy of the purchase order or request for credit card invoice.

Full and associate members may also register by sending an e-mail to [admin@njsts.org](mailto:admin@njsts.org)

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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR STS GENERAL MEETING – June 4, 2025  
Forsgate Country Club, 375 Forsgate Drive, Monroe Twp., NJ 08831**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

District/Contractor/Other\_\_\_\_\_

**TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD PLEASE GIVE THE EMAIL ADDRESS THAT THE INVOICE SHOULD BE SENT TO. AN INVOICE WILL BE ISSUED THROUGH SQUARE WHICH WILL HAVE A LINK TO MAKE THE PAYMENT. YOU MAY ALSO E-MAIL THIS INFORMATION TO [ADMIN@NJSTS.ORG](mailto:ADMIN@NJSTS.ORG)**

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_



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## JUNE 2025 OFFICIAL BALLOT

The School Transportation Supervisors of New Jersey Nominating Committee presents the following slate of Officers and Directors nominated for election at the School Transportation Supervisors of New Jersey's General Meeting on **Wednesday, June 4, 2025**, at the Forsgate Country Club, 375 Forsgate Drive, Monroe Twp, NJ 08831.

Place a mark in the box under the name of the candidate you wish to vote for or write in the name of an eligible full member you wish to nominate.

**Check only one box or write in only one candidate per office.**

OFFICE / TERM	CANDIDATE	CANDIDATE	WRITE-IN
VOTE FOR 1			
VICE PRESIDENT 2025 - 2027	Don Paul Todd <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
VOTE FOR 1			
SECRETARY 2025 - 2027	Elizabeth Poblete <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
VOTE FOR 1			
NORTHERN DIRECTOR 2025 - 2028	Marisa Broesder <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
VOTE FOR 1			
CENTRAL DIRECTOR 2025 - 2028	Lisa Vargas <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
VOTE FOR 1			
SOUTHERN DIRECTOR 2025 - 2028	Heather VanMater <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

The STS of NJ By-Laws provides that only a **full member** in good standing may vote. The By-Laws define a full member in good standing as a member whose annual dues are paid. Annual dues must be paid 15 days prior to the General Meeting. If you have requested an absentee ballot, then that is your vote and you may not vote at this time.

☐ Please check the box to indicate and confirm you are a **FULL MEMBER** in good standing.



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## ABSENTEE BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mark the ballot you received.
2. Fold the ballot and insert it into an envelope clearly marked “Absentee Ballot, June 4, 2025,” and seal the envelope. Do not mark the ballot or envelope to indicate who you are.
3. Insert the sealed envelope into another envelope addressed to STS of NJ, at the address above. This addressed envelope must be clearly marked with your name in the return address. If your name is not clearly visible on the outside of the envelope, your vote will not be counted.
4. Mail the envelope so that it will be received at the Post Office Box by Thursday, May 22, 2025, but not postmarked by that date. Please remember that Federal Express and other commercial carriers cannot deliver to a Post Office Box, so please plan accordingly.
5. If you are able to attend the meeting and you have requested an absentee ballot, whether you returned it or not, you will not be able to vote for candidates at the meeting. Otherwise, as per the by-laws, if you request an absentee ballot, you give up the right to vote in person at the General Meeting.

Thank you.



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# **ELECTION 2025**

## **Candidate Statements**

### **Vice President:**

Don Paul Todd



*I became involved with STS of NJ during my first Transportation Supervisor job in Mendham Township in the early 1990's. I have served on multiple committees over the years, including Vendor Show, Membership, Legislative, By-Laws, Finance, Technology, NJASBO, Rodeo, Drivers Seminar and Rutgers. I have served as a North Director (temporary period), Treasurer, Secretary and most recently, Vice President. I deeply appreciate the time that I have served STS of NJ and the knowledge that I have gained through all of the relationships that I have developed. I founded a local group of Transportation Supervisors/Support Staff, called TransTable, in North Jersey that has been meeting now for over 25 years to discuss issues that are relevant to our area.*

*I briefly left STS to start my own bus company in the late 1990's, thereby gaining valuable experience from the Contractor side of the business. I also left STS to be involved with the largest school district in South Carolina with 69,000 students, thereby gaining valuable experience in a county-wide transportation system. I have found that all of my experiences in the many different facets of School Transportation have equipped me with the tools necessary to perform the duties of the Vice President for STS of NJ. I would appreciate your support in my nomination to continue in the office of Vice President for another term.*

## **Secretary:**

Elizabeth Poblete



*Currently, I am the Transportation Supervisor for Medford Township. I've been in this position for over 10 years and in the Transportation Industry for over 21yrs. In this position my office is responsible for transporting over 3200 students.*

*I graduated from Widener University in 1988 and completed the Rutgers Transportation Supervisor Certificate in 2015. Then, two years ago I joined Rutgers as an instructor. The last class I taught was Employee Training and Safety Education. I've also taught Codes and Statues. Teaching these classes gives me the opportunity to meet new supervisors and other Transportation personnel that are interested in making the industry better.*

*Currently I hold the position of Southern Director and Conference Speaker Chairperson for NJSTS and would like the opportunity to move into the Secretary position to grow within the organization and help in any way I can.*

## **Northern Director:**

**Marisa Broesder**



*I began my career in school transportation in 2011 as a bus driver with First Student. I soon transitioned to an Administrative Assistant and substitute bus driver with the Sussex County Regional Cooperative in 2014. I completed the Rutgers Transportation Supervisors Certificate Program in 2017 and moved on to become the Transportation Coordinator for the Vernon Township Board of Education in 2021.*

*I have been a member of STS for 8 years, joining the Social Media Committee in 2021, then becoming the Chairperson of the School Bus Safety Poster Contest in 2022 and Chairperson of the LinkedIn Committee in 2024. I relish the opportunities I have had as a member of STS, including the chance to meet and learn from my colleagues, and I look forward to the challenges and growth that lie ahead.*

## **Central Director:**

Lisa Vargas



*My name is Lisa Vargas, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Central Area Director seat for the STS. With over four decades of experience in logistics, communication, education, and transportation, I bring a diverse background that includes service with the NYPD and extensive work in emergency management. For the past 12 years, I have been dedicated to the field of school bus transportation—a profession that I am truly passionate about.*

*I currently serve on the Education, Rutgers, and Legislative Committees, where I actively contribute to shaping policies and advancing industry best practices. I also have industry experience in both district and private company operations, giving me a well-rounded perspective on the challenges and opportunities within school transportation.*

*I believe the STS should be a dynamic resource for its members, fostering inclusivity and ensuring that every voice is heard. Recognizing and appreciating the efforts of all volunteers, regardless of title, is essential in building a strong, collaborative community. By working together as industry professionals, we can adapt to the evolving challenges of school transportation while continuously learning and growing.*

*My commitment to this field is unwavering, and I am ready to dedicate my time and energy to advancing the mission of the STS and supporting the Central NJ region. By strengthening our organization and fostering a culture of collaboration, we can better serve both our members and the communities that rely on us.*

*I appreciate your time and consideration, and I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the ongoing success of the STS.*

## **Southern Director:**

Heather VanMater



*With over 34 years experience in the transportation field, starting as a bus aide and working my way up to become the Director of Transportation for a pre k thru 12th grade school district. During this time I served for over 8 years on the STS board of directors and worked on the yearly conference and other committees.*

### **Cinnaminson Twp Public Schools - Director of Transportation**

**July 1, 2024 - present**

*Oversees 120+ bus routes, while providing shared services for surrounding districts including to/from transportation and trips/athletics transportation. Assign and evaluate over 90 transportation staff members, along with providing repairs on 60+ in house vehicles and 20+ neighboring school district vehicles.*

### **Hopewell Valley Regional School District - Director of Transportation**

**October 20, 2012 - June 30, 2024**

*Oversaw the transportation for a regional public school district serving 3500 students in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade. Ensured proper school vehicle driver pre- and post-safety inspections. Managed payroll, hiring, training, discipline, and DOT compliance of all staff. Strategically allocated a \$5.1M budget, servicing 95 bus routes during traditional school year, operating 42 buses and 1 garage facilities for curricular and extracurricular bus trips with district and contracted buses.*

*Navigated the team through significant challenges in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Rebounded service levels after sharp decline of available bus drivers.*

### **Tabernacle Township School District - Transportation Supervisor**

**July 1, 2004 - October 15, 2012**

*Led, coached, mentored, and evaluated 20 member transportation personnel. Prepared and published the driver handbook outlining district and department policies. Supervised school bus driver certifications. Maintained all transportation records and filed all reports, including board reports and the DRTRS. Filed state transportation reports. Prepared specifications for purchase of new vehicles.*

### **Bordentown Regional School District**

**Driver/Bus Aide**

**September 1, 1990- June 2004**

*Ensured safe transportation of students in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade across five schools and out of district placed students. Trained new drivers in accordance with federal and state laws. Onboarded new assistants, shaping a team committed to excellence. Successfully negotiated three 3 year-term contracts and refined the driver contract.*