



# 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 3, 2026**. 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 2026-2027 Budget Area Directors Report
9:45 AM	President’s Report
10:00 AM to 11:15 AM	<b>Situational Awareness &amp; Security Considerations for School Transportation Operators</b> <i>Jeffrey Gale, Director</i> <i>NJDOE Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning</i>
11:15 AM to 11:45 AM	<b>Transportation Updates</b> <i>Susan Spence, NJDOE</i> <i>Betty Mason, NJDOE</i>
12:00 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 26, 2026**. 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 3, 2026  
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 2026 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 3, 2026**, 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			
PRESIDENT 2026 - 2028	Janine Byrnes <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
VOTE FOR 1			
TREASURER 2026 - 2028	Don Paul Todd <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
VOTE FOR 1			
NORTHERN DIRECTOR 2026 - 2029	Robert Katz <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
VOTE FOR 1			
CENTRAL DIRECTOR 2026 - 2029	Jeff Reiss <input type="checkbox"/>	Tara Vazquez <input type="checkbox"/>	
VOTE FOR 1			
SOUTHERN DIRECTOR 2026 - 2029	<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 3, 2026,” 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 21, 2026, 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 2026

## Candidate Statements

### President:

Janine Byrnes



*I have been honored to serve as President of STS of NJ for the past three years. With gratitude, I submit my candidacy for a second term (2026-2028). Thank you for allowing me to share my background with you.*

*By day, I am the Director of the Sussex County Regional Cooperative, a CTSA servicing and coordinating Public, Non Public, Special Education and School Related Activities Transportation for 100 school districts with an annual budget of 60 million dollars. I have the pleasure of leading a team of true solution driven Transportation Professionals that match my passion for student SAFETY, EFFICIENCY and overall excellence in daily operations.*

*Over the past 15 years I have worn many hats including, Bus Aide, Special Needs School Bus Driver, Field Trip and Activity Planner, Office Manager and Assistant Director. For 5 1/2 years I held the position of Director of Transportation for Roxbury Public Schools. Reorganizing and managing the large department was a tremendous learning experience and career highlight, under my leadership the district realized a 1.8 million dollar annual revenue source through shared service agreements .*

*Teaching for Rutgers Government Services for four years has given me the opportunity to share my expertise and passion with the next generation of Supervisors. I am grateful for the opportunity to teach four of the eight courses required for certification. Annually, I have the opportunity to guest teach for the NJASBO BA certification Transportation Course. Sharing my problem solving approach granted me a feature in the NJ School Leader Magazine (Winter 2024), article titled "Tips on Overcoming Transportation Challenges" and The Legal One Podcast (September 2025) "Evolving Legal Requirements for School Transportation".*

*My volunteer journey with STS of NJ has mirrored my career. I have volunteered for 11 years serving in various capacities. Serving on the Vendor Show Committee was my first focus. I have had the honor of serving as Northern Region Director, Secretary, Vice President and President. Volunteering is a commitment I do not take lightly. Each role and season was met with an expectation of excellence. I am so grateful for my colleagues that have come alongside me to propel STS of NJ forward. A true testament of team work, we collectively have reorganized the Board and elevated the importance of School Transportation in the State of NJ and Nationally.*

*Highlights of the past 3 years:*

- Reorganized the Board and Operations*
- Updated Bylaws*
- All Financial Audits/Budgets in Order*
- New Committees*
- New Committee Members and Chairs*
- Term Limits and Rotation for Board Seats*
- Membership Growth*
- Conference Growth*
- Strengthened partnerships in NJ with Rutgers, NJASBO, NJSBA, NJSBCA*
- Strengthened partnerships Nationally through NAPT, National Congress for Transportation*

*I am eager and willing to continue onto a second term as I truly believe WE are just getting started. We have a confirmed partnership with the NJ School Boards Association for the October 2026 Workshop with transportation specific educational opportunities on the schedule. We have just begun to pave the way for continuing education industry wide. I am energized for what the future holds. My commitment to STS of NJ will not waiver as we continue to make great strides for our profession, raising awareness and industry standards.*

*As the mother of three grown children, my guidepost through the years remains unchanged, the SAFETY of every student will always be my number one priority.*

*Thank you for your trust, confidence and consideration.*

## **Treasurer:**

**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, Rutgers and the NAPT State Affiliates. I have served as a North Director (temporary period), Secretary, Vice President and most recently Treasurer. 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 more than 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 Treasurer for STS of NJ. I would appreciate your support in my nomination to continue in the office of Treasurer for another term.*

## **North Region Director:**

### **Robert Katz**



*My name is Robert Katz, and I am honored to announce my candidacy for the STS Northern Area Director seat. My journey in public service began as a police officer, and after being retired due to a line-of-duty injury at age 35, I found a second calling in school transportation. What began as a way to stay active quickly became a career-defining passion.*

*I joined the Roxbury Township Board of Education as a driver in 2013. In 2018, I transitioned to Dispatcher, where I managed payroll, purchase orders, and routing, while working closely with leadership to streamline operations. When the Director position opened in 2021, I knew I wanted to lead the team we had worked so hard to build. I was appointed Director of Transportation in January 2022.*

*My qualifications include completing the Rutgers Transportation Supervisors Certificate Program in 2023. Furthermore, I have been an active STS member for four years, serving on the Legislative Committee since April 2025. My leadership style is characterized by pairing the discipline and crisis-management skills from my law enforcement background with a collaborative, listener-first approach.*

*My goal as Northern Area Director is to work alongside my peers to uphold the highest ethical standards in school transportation. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to serving this organization.*

## **Central Region Director:**

Jeff Reiss



*I am Jeff Reiss. I currently serve as the Transportation Supervisor at Delaware Valley Regional High School, where I have worked for the last four years. Prior to that I was the General Manager for a private contractor for nearly three years, and before that, a high school History Teacher / Transportation Coordinator for a private school, overseeing 20 daily contracted runs, and Transportation Supervisor for a Summer Camp overseeing 25 contracted runs.*

*I am completing my third year of service on the NJSTS Board. In that time, I have served on the Rutgers Committee, the Legislative Committee, and the chaired the Mentorship Committee, tasked with opening up a Mentoring program for new member Supervisors, which we are hoping to launch for the new school year. G-d willing, you'll hear more about that effort in my report to the General Membership at the June meeting.*

*As a member of the Legislative Committee, I have worked to change the focus of the committee from merely reporting on actions of the state legislature, to advocating to become a voice in the room when decisions are made and policies are created. This serves to elevate the standing of NJSTS as a whole, and have us recognized statewide as the organization of professionals that we are.*

*I am asking for your vote of confidence to become one of the Central Region Directors. I believe that as a new voice on the NJSTS Board, that I can continue to bring some fresh new ideas into our group to create more camaraderie and cooperation amongst our ranks, and continue to elevate the services provided to our membership and our students. All of this over time will bring additional and newfound respect to the organization and the professionals who embody it.*

*Thank you for your consideration.*

## **Central Region Director:**

Tara Vazquez



*My name is Tara Vazquez, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Central Area Director seat for the STS. For the past 19 years, I have been dedicated to the field of school bus transportation, a profession for which I have a deep passion.*

*I am currently the Director of Transportation for Howell Public Schools, Freehold Boro Schools and Farmingdale public School. I have been in this role for over 10 years.*

*I previously served as an Area Director for the Central Region and currently serve on the Conference Committee. In the past, I have also contributed to both the Legislative and Membership Committees, gaining valuable experience and insight into the needs of our organization and its members.*

*I have always believed that the STS should serve as a resource for its members, fostering inclusivity and ensuring that every voice is heard. Recognizing and appreciating the efforts of all volunteers is essential to building a unified organization. By working together as industry professionals, we can continue to adapt to the evolving challenges of school transportation while learning and growing together.*

*I am ready to rededicate my time and energy to advancing the mission of the STS and supporting the Central New Jersey 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 continued success of the STS.*