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Dear Drivers, Students, Parents and Staff,

The Ottawa Student Transportation Authority is pleased to present this year's Driver Appreciation Day. We are proud to recognize the hard work and dedication of all yellow bus, wheelchair bus, van drivers and walking school bus (WSB) leaders.

Drivers and WSB leaders have the important responsibility of ensuring students are picked up and dropped off at school safely and on time, every school day. We are thankful for the crucial role they play in the lives of students, parents and the community. Their commitment and dedication to their work, often going the extra mile to ensure students are happy and safe, is recognized and valued.

Every year, OSTA selects winners of the Going the Extra Mile Awards. The GEM awards celebrate outstanding contributions that school bus and van drivers, and WSB leaders make every day transporting OCDSB and OCSB students to and from school. This year, we are happy to announce Ifrah Hassan (STS), Mark Lecuyer (M.L. Bradley), Kathy Jones (Premier Bus Lines), Ahmed Hassan (DTL) and Svetlana Mironova (Ottawa Safety Council - Walking School Bus) were chosen for the awards. Congratulations to all the winners, your service and commitment are appreciated.

On behalf of the OSTA Board of Directors, I thank you for the extraordinary work that all our drivers and WSB leaders do, and we look forward to seeing you back on the road soon.

Sincerely,

Donna Blackburn
President/Chairperson