



OSTA
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Dear Drivers, Families and School Staff,

The Ottawa Student Transportation Authority is pleased to present this year's Driver Appreciation Day on June 18, 2022. This year we are honoured to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of hundreds of yellow bus, wheelchair bus, van, and walking school bus (WSB) bus drivers who serve our community.

Every school day, families all over Ottawa count on Drivers and WSB Leaders to provide caring and safe rides to and from school. We are thankful for the crucial role they play in the lives of students, parents and the community; they ensure every child arrives at school on time, in good spirits and ready to learn. Their commitment and dedication to their work, often going the extra mile to ensure students are happy and safe, are 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 that OSTA has chosen Ray Leblanc (First Student), John Cox (Roxborough), Richard Behan (DTL), Georgette Nicholls (STS) and Michelle McCabe (OSC – Walking School Bus) for the 2022 GEM awards. Congratulations to all the winners; your service and commitment are appreciated.

On behalf of the OSTA Board of Directors, let us recognize the hard work and dedication shown by all bus drivers and WSB leaders who transport students safely to school and contribute to their educational success.

Sincerely,

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