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Dear Drivers, Students, Parents, Guardians and Staff,

The Ottawa Student Transportation Authority (OSTA) is pleased to present this year's Driver Appreciation Day on Friday, June 11, 2021. We are proud to recognize the hard work and dedication of all yellow bus, wheelchair bus, van drivers and walking school bus (WSB) leaders.

This past year has been an incredibly challenging school year for everyone. Drivers and WSB leaders have been on the front lines, often going above and beyond the call of duty, putting students' access to education first. For students, seeing their bus driver every day has provided a sense of stability and familiarity throughout the pandemic. The continued devotion of drivers and WSB leaders this year has been invaluable.

Every year, OSTA selects winners of the Going the Extra Mile Awards. The GEM awards celebrate outstanding contributions that school bus, van drivers, and WSB leaders make every day, transporting OCDSB and OCSB students to and from school. This year, we recognize every yellow bus, wheelchair bus, van driver and WSB leader who has continued to work throughout the pandemic with an OSTA Hero Award; your service and commitment are greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the OSTA Board of Directors, I thank you for the extraordinary work that all our drivers and WSB leaders do.

Thank you for going the extra mile and please stay safe!

Sincerely,

Joanne MacEwan
President/Chairperson