



Office of Transportation
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TRANSPORTATION BOARD REPORT

Opening of School & Operational Readiness The Department of Transportation successfully launched the 2026–2027 school year with an efficient and safe first day of operations. Prior to the start of school, the department hosted a joint driver and monitor kickoff meeting at Middletown High School, featuring a safety briefing and operational reminders presented by our School Resource Officers (SROs).

First-day operations proceeded smoothly, with drivers arriving at facilities on schedule and school staff expressing strong positive feedback regarding arrivals and dismissals.

Operational Scope & Network To provide perspective on the scale of district transportation operations, the current daily fleet and route breakdown includes:

- **Fleet Composition:** 32 full-size buses, 16 Type II buses, and 9 large passenger vans.
- **Daily Volume:** 135 daily runs serving over 4,300 students district-wide.
- **Facilities Served:** Middletown High School, Beman Middle School, eight elementary schools, three local parochial schools, two state technical high schools, and several out-of-district specialized placements.

Administrative Improvements & Parent Resources To streamline customer service and reduce administrative burdens on school front offices, the department launched an online Transportation Change/Inquiry Form, accessible via the district’s main Transportation webpage. This system centralizes requests for bus stop modifications and general inquiries, allowing district staff to track, prioritize, and resolve issues systematically.

Additionally, families continue to utilize the *My Ride K-12* mobile application, which provides real-time GPS tracking and estimated arrival times for designated bus stops.

Next Steps In the coming weeks, the department will collaborate continuously with DATTCO terminal management and building administrators to monitor route efficiency, evaluate run times, and implement minor timing adjustments as traffic patterns settle.