

As The Wheel Turns

Transportation Newsletter

CMS Transportation Team –

I am honored to step into the role of Executive Director of Transportation, and I want to take a moment to introduce myself – though for many of you, this is more of a reunion than an introduction.

With 27 years of Transportation leadership, I have had the privilege of working alongside many of you in different capacities. I know firsthand the dedication, resilience, and heart you bring to this department every day. Our work is about more than just buses, maintenance and routes – it's about the students and families who rely on us, the relationships we build, and the impact we make in our community.

As I take on this new role, my priority is to support you in every way possible. I know the challenges we face, but I also know the strength of this team. Together, we will continue to improve communication, enhance our operations, and create an environment where everyone feels valued and heard.

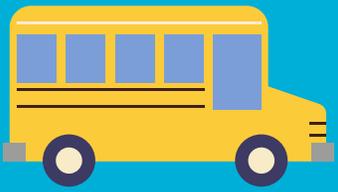
In the coming weeks, I look forward to reconnecting with many of you and meeting those I haven't had the chance to work with yet. I welcome your insights and ideas, and I encourage you to reach out – your voice is essential to our success.

Thank you for your hard work and commitment to CMS Transportation. I'm excited for what's ahead, and I look forward to working alongside each of you.



Vec Dunn

Executive Director of Transportation
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools



CMS ROADEO 2025 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Get ready to rev up your engines for the CMS School Bus ROAD-EO 2025! Registration is now open and we're calling on all drivers and technicians to saddle up and join the action.

To sign up, all participants need to complete the Google Form accessible through the QR code below. **The deadline for registering is Friday, March 28, 2025.**

Drivers



Techs

LOVE THE BUS WEEK | FEBRUARY 10 - FEBRUARY 14



CMS Transportation has partnered with Atrium Health to provide social and emotional well-being support to all Transportation employees. This service, whether virtual or in-person, will be available at no cost for all transportation area offices and central office support staff.

We understand the importance of mental health, and this partnership is a significant step toward ensuring the well-being of our CMS Transportation family. [Learn more about the offerings here.](#)

What concerns can the behavioral health services address?

You are encouraged to contact the behavioral health provider for whatever may be causing you any level of emotional distress. Feel free to reach out to discuss any of the following: Relationship and parenting issues, overcoming feelings of being stuck, developing coping strategies, goal setting and making action plans, anger, grief and stress, anxiety and depressed mood, substance use and additions, managing life's changes. Speak with your manager about scheduling an appointment.



Shenequa Thomas, a Winston-Salem State University graduate with a Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling, is a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor and Certified Rehabilitation Counselor. With over a decade of experience in mental health, wellness, and community leadership & advocacy, she is dedicated to making a positive impact. Shenequa has experience in providing individual, couples, and group therapy to diverse populations.

On-Site Schedule:

- Mondays: 3901 Craig Avenue
- Tuesdays: 3101 Wilkinson Boulevard
- Wednesdays: 11751 Downs Road
- Thursdays: 4400 Northpointe Boulevard
- Fridays: 6520 Orr Road

NEW CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN CMS TRANSPORTATION

As our department continues to grow and expand, we are constantly seeking new opportunities to maximize our mission and vision! Our commitment to serving the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools community remains unwavering, and we are excited to announce new job openings that reflect our growth. Openings include:

- **[Bus Driver](#)** | Responsible for driving a school bus to provide safe, efficient, and on-time transportation of CMS students to and from assigned schools on a daily basis.
- **[Technician I](#)** | Responsible for performing routine preventative maintenance on vehicular equipment including gasoline and diesel-driven vehicles to maintain a safe economical fleet.
- **[Technician II](#)** | Performs complex duties in the operation, repair and maintenance of buses and other vehicles in the school transportation program. Most work is performed based on prior experience. The employee is expected to troubleshoot and resolve problems of varied complexity and difficulty with little assistance. Significant problems may be referred to a supervisor. Most errors are expected to be resolved by the employee. The employee receives general supervision and work is occasionally reviewed while in progress.
- **[Director, Fleet](#)** | The Director of Fleet Services provides leadership in managing, directing, and coordinating safe, efficient, and economical maintenance of school buses, activity buses and fleet vehicles. This position is responsible for ensuring total compliance with all aspects of legal, financial, preventive maintenance and safety regulations relating to the maintenance and repair of school buses and transportation fleet vehicles.
- **[Technician, Transportation Operations](#)** | Work with the Transportation Area Manager and other office staff in the daily coordination and operation of the assigned transportation area. This individual will have direct contact with the Area Transportation Manager involving receiving instructions and guidance as well as relaying critical information concerning drivers, area staff and equipment status.

To learn more about open positions, please visit cmsk12.org/careers to learn more, apply, and share with your networks!

MARCH CALENDAR UPDATES

Friday, March 28: Last Day of Quarter

Monday, March 31: Teacher Workday

SUBMIT YOUR NEWS AND UPDATES!

Want to be featured in the CMS Transportation Newsletter?

Email Tom Miner for more details and information!

ThomasA.Miner@cms.k12.nc.us

