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BIG PICTURE POLITICAL DISCUSSION

• CUOMO / HOCHUL

- ❖ Governor Hochul's candidacy**
- ❖ Getting a feel for new Governor as it relates to school bus**
- ❑ Politics behind school districts (local government) and NYS Government**

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REVIEW OF FY 2021 NYS BUDGET

WHERE WE STARTED

- NYSED Nov. 2020 letter

• WHERE WE WENT

- Governor's Executive budget proposal
- Assembly & Senate one-house budget bill

• WHERE WE ENDED

- Aidable costs include, among other things, "[e]xpenditures for transportation standby costs between March 16, 2020 and May 7, 2020." Standby costs are defined as "payments to a transportation contractor during the time that the contractor was not transporting students" from March-May 7th, 2020.
- May 2021 NYSED memo: from May 2021 states, in pertinent part, that "[a]s a result of the changes in the 2021-22 enacted budget, school districts will most likely need to revise their 2020-21 SAMS Claim Year (2019-20 school year) submission. All revisions must be submitted in SAMS before June 30, 2021."

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2021/2022 School Year

• ***DRIVER SHORTAGE***

- Working closely with the Second Floor – Governor's press release 9/19/21
- DMV CDL survey
- Schools can use their federal funds to pay for signing and retention bonuses, expansion of benefits to the drivers, and other options to recruit drivers

• ***COVID TESTING MANDATE***

- Politics + Policy
- Local DOH's

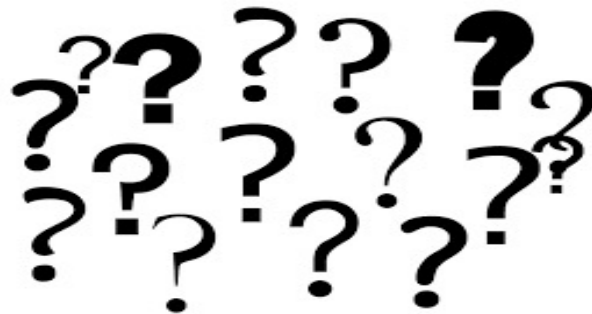
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2022 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Electric bus
- Contract modification related to wages, benefits and compliance
- Guaranteed state aid for pupil transportation – 180 days
- 3rd party testing

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QUESTIONS/ COMMENTS



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