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MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Directors and Service Managers

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SUBJECT: 31st Annual School Bus Technicians Summer
Workshops

The Technicians Qualification and Standards Committee of the Florida Association for Pupil Transportation (FAPT), in conjunction with Volusia District Schools, has completed plans for the 31st Annual School Bus Technicians Summer Workshop. The workshop will provide school bus diagnostic and repair training both in classroom and hands-on settings for technicians. This workshop will focus on entry and apprentice level technicians and is NOT intended to provide advance level training. *It is also NOT intended for body shop or parts persons.* Please do not register these employees.

The workshop dates are June 8-11, 2020, in Daytona Beach. An electrical class for the new technician will be offered (limited to 30 technicians) on Monday from 9am to noon. This class will cover basic electrical for the new tech. Regular classes begin on Monday at noon and end on Thursday at noon. On Tuesday and Wednesday classes will start at 7 am and continue until 6 pm.

Class reservations are secured by completing the following on-line registration form on a **first come, first serve basis**. [Technicians Summer Workshop Registration Form](#) A registration confirmation packet including all pertinent information will be emailed four (4) weeks prior to the workshop.

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COST: \$150.00 per person which includes tuition, registration fees, supplies, and some meals (does not include lodging). Late registration is \$200.00 per person as of April 1. Registrations will not be accepted after May 1, 2020.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 31, 2020. Late registration April 1- May 1, 2020.

An invoice will be generated to the name on the person designated on the registration form when registration is received. Because we must guarantee student count, there are NO refunds for cancellations; however, substitutions can be made prior to the start of the workshop.

Choose from the following for each participant:

Monday Morning Optional Beginner Electrical Class:

- Yes
- No

Note: The more experienced technicians familiar with electrical systems should not register for this class. Lunch will be provided.

Monday Afternoon Class Options:

Note: All technicians must register for one.

- Haldex Disc Brakes
- Braun Lift
- Ricon Lift
- Stemco Wheel Ends

Cummins Class Option:

Note: Cummins training will be offered to a maximum of 40 technicians limited to one per district. (We will offer a stand-by list if space is available.) The instruction is limited to school bus engines ONLY and NO training will be provided on white fleet trucks for Dodge/ Chrysler/Fiat vehicles. A technician who is registered for Cummins will remain in this class from Tuesday morning until the workshop ends on Thursday at noon. Priority will be given to districts that did not have a technician attending the Cummins Class in 2018 or 2019.

Tuesday Class Options

Each technician must register for a morning and an afternoon class. If Allison is selected, the technician will remain in this class all day. There are only 24 spaces available in the Allison class and only one tech per district may register. (We will offer a stand-by list for this class as well.) All other classes are one half-day only and two different classes must be selected.

- MCC Air – 5 hour Class
- ACC Air – 5 Hour Class
- RAC Air – 5 Hour Class
- TransAir – 5 Hour Class
- Allison – 10 Hour Class

OEM Classes on Wednesday and Thursday

Each technician who is not in the Cummins class must register for one of the following OEM Classes and will remain in this class all day Wednesday and until the workshop is over on Thursday.

- BlueBird
- IC
- Thomas



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FAPT Testing: VST, MRT, or PST (participants and walk ins)

FAPT Vehicle Service Technician (VST), Master Repair Technician (MRT), and Parts Specialist (PST) certification tests will be given on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Persons registered for the workshop must also complete an on-line registration form if they wish to take VST, MRT or PST test(s). Tests are \$15 and will be conducted on Tuesday June 9, 2020 at 4 pm. Workshop participants and walk-ins must register using the [MRT, VST, PST Test Registration](#). All retests are also \$15.00 per test *Payment must be received prior to testing.*

Hands-On Safety Inspector Testing

Additionally, Florida School Bus Safety Inspector Certification **hands-on testing** will be available. Registration is required by using the on-line registration form at the following link. [Hands-on Safety Inspector Testing](#). Use drop down menu to select **Volusia**. *Payment of \$50 must be received prior to testing.*

We encourage you to take advantage of this training opportunity and thank you for your continued interest and support. Remember, there is scholarship funds available which has been previously posted on the FAPT website. Please feel free to contact any committee member if you have any questions or suggestions.

NOTE: Each district will be responsible for the lodging of their participants

The recommended accommodation is listed below. Please mention FAPT to receive discounted rate of \$76.65 per night including a full breakfast. Due to the early start time schedule of classes each day, this hotel will provide a full breakfast prior to the time the technician must leave the hotel. Note, the hotel has received upgrades during the past year. **Please send the district tax exempt form to hotel.**

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