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***Interview of Ms. Rontrecia Platt
Area Bus Supervisor/Bus Driver/ Office
Manager Bookkeeper***



Q: How long have you been driving a bus for the school district?

A: I have been driving buses for the Williamsburg County School District for 33 years. This was one of my first jobs in the district, and my love for it grows stronger every day.

Q: How do you think the students that ride your bus feel about you?

A: The students know that my goal is to make sure that they have a safe ride to and from school, along with providing a positive attitude to brighten up their day. I think they feel safe with me and know that I'm there for them anytime they need me.

Q: How do you deal with a student who is having a bad day?

A: Over the years I've learned that each student that rides my bus is different in their unique way. I've also learned that each student deals with different aspects of life differently. It may be peer pressure, home environment, or schoolwork. Just like adults, you never know what they are going through. So, when I get a student that is having a bad day, I make sure I talk to them; one on one, ask them what's wrong, and try to break down the issue with them while trying to find solutions or ways to help. I try to keep them motivated. I guess you can call it a bus ride therapy session. Whatever it takes to make sure that they are in a better mood and have a smile on their face.

Q: What do you do to ensure your students feel safe on your bus?

A: As a school bus driver, I make sure they understand and obey all the school bus rules and regulations. I establish a positive attitude and build a good relationship with each student, so they feel they are in a safe environment. Bus drivers help set the stage for a student's day. If they feel safe on the bus, then they will feel safe in school.

Q: What is the most rewarding part about being a bus driver?

A: The most rewarding part is always the students. I enjoy seeing them coming to school every day, seeing them accomplish great things in life after they graduate, and having them come up to me at games, school events, or in the streets to say, "Hey Ms. Platt, Ms. Hannah, or Ms. Rontrecia, whatever name they remember by and ask "Are you still driving the bus?" and give me a big hug. That is all the reward I need.



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Q: What would you tell anyone that wants to become a bus driver?

A: If you are a good driver with a big heart and enjoy the smiles and laughter of growing up all over again, then this job is for you. It's a chance to be an impact and a positive change in these children's lives and the community. It's not just driving a big yellow bus; it's driving the future...our future.

