

Brookhaven Town Board Honors Longwood Central School District Transportation Coordinator, Gale Winsper

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Farmingville, NY - On Tuesday, September 30, Councilwomen Connie Kepert and Jane Bonner presented a Certificate of Congratulations, along with the entire Town Board, to Longwood Central School District Transportation Coordinator, Gale Winsper. Gale, who has led the Longwood transportation department for 12 years, was recently honored with the Art Schock Award by the New York Association for Pupil Transportation (NYAPT) at their annual conference in Albany. Gale also serves on the State Education Department's (SED) Advisory Board to the State Director for Pupil Transportation Services, is one of just 24 Master Instructors in New York State, and has chaired the SED's Master Instructor Committee to implement a school bus drivers' course for the state. Ms. Winsper also spearheads Long Island's annual Operation Safe Stop program, which is a state-wide effort to crack down on illegal, potentially lethal passing of buses by motorists. Pictured are Town Clerk Donna Lent, Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright, Councilwoman Bonner, Gale Winsper, Supervisor Ed Romaine, Councilwoman Kepert, Councilman Dan Panico and Councilman Kevin LaValle.

Supervisor Romaine said, "Gale has spent many years making sure that our children get to school and come home safely. I commend her for being honored with this prestigious award and for the service she has given to the Longwood Central School District."

"Congratulations to Gale for receiving the prestigious Art Schock Award from NYAPT," stated Councilwoman Connie Kepert. "As a former Longwood High School teacher, I am well aware of Gale's continuous efforts to make pupil transportation safety a top priority through implementation of bus safety policies within the school district, as well as through educational programs, such as the annual Operation Safe Stop event Gale coordinates that I have attended for many years. Her hard work and leadership make her more than deserving of this great honor."

Councilwoman Jane Bonner said, "There is no one better qualified to be responsible for the safety of our children than Gale. Her knowledge, experience and genuine concern assures parents that their children are in good hands when the buses roll every morning and afternoon. This is a well-deserved honor and I thank her for the work she has done over the years for the Longwood Central School District."

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