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To: Transportation Directors  
Charter School Transportation Directors/Principals

From: Jamie Warrington, FAPT President-Elect

Date: February 3, 2025

Re: 2025 FAPT Spring Driver Trainer Workshop

The Florida Association for Pupil Transportation is excited to announce the re-launching of the Spring Driver Trainers' Workshop (formerly known as "Lake Yale")! This workshop is primarily aimed at those individuals who are directly involved in the training of new and current school bus drivers and school bus attendants.

The week is packed with sessions on everything from changes to law, rule and curriculum to a heavy emphasis on the transportation of students with disabilities! The theme for the 29<sup>th</sup> year of this event is "Back to Basics" – as we can all use a refresher to help remind us of why we got into this line of work.

Unlike the old Lake Yale, this workshop is being hosted by the Orange County Public Schools Transportation Department in Orlando. A block of hotel rooms at the nearby hotels have been secured. The registration fee is a modest \$50.00 to help cover FAPT's administrative costs. A free hot breakfast at the hotel is available for registered guests; and lunches on Tuesday and Wednesday are being provided by our vendor sponsors. Dinners are "on your own"; however, we are planning on a "on your own" group dinner Wednesday night for those who wish to participate. Location to be determined. Due to limited parking at the Pine Hills Compound, Orange County Transportation will be providing bus transportation daily to and from the hotel.

We are asking that each attendee bring a door prize (about \$15.00 value) so everyone goes home with a door prize.

**Dates:** Monday, March 31, 2025, to Thursday, April 3, 2025

**Hotels:** Hotel Garden Inn at Apopka **AND** Home2 Suites By Hilton (2 hotels on the same property)  
[Hilton Garden Inn](#) 401 Magnolia Ave [Home2 Suites](#)  
Orlando, FL 32801

Both hotels are offering rooms at **\$169** per night.

**Where:** OCPS Transportation Department Pine Hills Compound  
5140 N Pine Hills Rd  
Orlando, FL 32808

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We look forward to seeing your Driver Trainers at the workshop!

Registration link: [Driver Trainer Registration](#)

