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Bitter Sweet! Sweet in that Carolina Thomas finished our 2012 State deliveries to our North Carolina Counties on October 31, 2012. Bitter in that it was a lot of hard work but we wish it could continue on so we could order-build-prepare and deliver more Thomas buses.

We thought you would enjoy the following facts as a recap on the Carolina Thomas deliveries of the Thomas buses.

Carolina Thomas fun facts for 2012 Thomas school bus deliveries:

- We delivered 965 Thomas buses in 136 calendar days.
- We delivered 289 of these buses on Saturday to assist schools with their drivers and their daily operation of their buses.
- All buses were built in the order that the purchase order was received so that outlying counties only had to come to Carolina Thomas one time (This saved these districts transportation costs from having to make multiple trips.)
- All buses were lined up in alphabetical order to make it easier for counties to know exactly where their bus was at. The required paperwork was also lined up in alphabetical order for each county to execute their state and financial paperwork.
- Our first delivery was on June 18, 2012. We delivered 69 Thomas buses to Burke, Camden, Catawba, Dare, Davie, Duplin, Granville, Hoke, Johnston, Pitt, Sampson and Scotland counties.
- Our last delivery was on October 31, 2012 with the final 46 units delivered that day. Madison County took delivery of the last bus.
- With 136 total days between deliveries and 965 buses delivered, we averaged 7.09 buses/day including Saturdays and Sundays.
- We always include treats at our deliveries for LEA personnel picking up buses so as to offer the best delivery experience possible.
 - We served 1260 fresh Krispy Kreme doughnuts.
 - We served 1158 cold soft drinks and bottled water and used 51 bags of ice to keep the drinks cold.
 - We prepared and served 416 cups of fresh hot coffee.
- We provided every county a Technician's document and a Driver's document for every single bus to make sure that critical information was communicated to the technicians and the drivers since the state specs/bus equipment changed in a couple of critical areas.
- These deliveries required using 42,548 pieces of paper to provide each county with all of the required documentation to get the vehicles titled, plated and registered.
- 13 days were invested by North Carolina state inspectors as every bus was inspected by a state employee prior to delivery.
- 7,720 hours were invested in preparing and prepping the buses for customer delivery and then an additional 17 days to deliver the buses.

Thanks to all of you for everything you do for us. We will continue to work every day to get better at what we do so that we can reach our goal of being the best bus vendor in North Carolina.