Overview

• Poor oversight by:
  – AAAfordable Transportation
  – Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS)

• Early recommendations

• Audit results
Affordable Transportation

- Hired in May 2014 (left in April 2016)
- Reliable Transportation April–May 2016
  - Staff witnessed seizure
- Rehired in August 2016
- No background check
Seizure at AAAfordable Transportation

• Had seizure October 24, 1 week prior to crash
• Witnessed by dispatcher
• Requested doctor’s release to duty
• Continued to be dispatched for 5 days until crash without doctor’s release
FMCSRs §392.3, Ill or Fatigued Operator

• “No driver shall operate a commercial motor vehicle…while the driver's ability or alertness is so impaired, or so likely to become impaired, through fatigue, illness, or any other cause…”

• Poor oversight allowed driver to be dispatched when he was medically unfit
Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS)

- Heavily involved with daily operations
- Maintained all documentation
  - Driver training
  - Medical certification
  - DOT drug testing
  - MVA driving records/crash reports
  - Criminal background checks
Driver History at BCPS

• 2008–2016 worked for 5 contractors

• 5 school bus crashes
  – October 2011 “passed out”
  – No followup or action taken
BCPS Oversight Issues

- Failed to follow its own SOPs
- Crash reports incomplete
- Lacked threshold for crashes
- No appreciable damage reports
- Failed to follow COMAR
Early Safety Recommendations to BCPS

- Request independent and neutral third party conduct performance audit (Urgent)
- Take corrective actions recommended by audit to improve internal controls
- Audit completed January 31, 2018
Summary

• AAAfordable allowed medically unfit driver to operate school bus
• BCPS failed to recognize driver was high risk
• Audit shows numerous deficiencies and noncompliance with COMAR
National Transportation Safety Board