

Developmental Center buses workers

Five buses run by New York State will carry employees of the Staten Island Developmental Center to and from work for the duration of the transit strike, according to the head of their union.

Felton King, president of the Civil Service Employees Association local to which the 3,416 employees belong, said yesterday that arrangements had been made weeks ago after he heard from sources in other unions that a strike was imminent.

He described the five routes as follows:

☐ From the F ramp at the St. George Ferry terminal, onto Bay St., with a left onto Victory Blvd. and directly to the center.

☐ From the F ramp at the St. George Ferry Terminal onto Richmond Terr., to South Ave., then Forest Ave., onto Richmond Ave., to Victory Blvd. and directly to the center.

☐ From the corner of Victory Blvd. and Forest Ave., along Forest Ave. to Hart Blvd., onto Castleton Ave., to Jewett Ave. and on to Victory Blvd. toward the center.

☐ From the Eltingville station of the Staten Island Rapid Transit (SIRT) system to Richmond Ave. and Amboy Rd.,

along Richmond Ave. to Victory Blvd. and toward the center.

The buses will leave their pickup points at 6:15 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 2:15 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. and will be "clearly marked SIDC," according to King.

About 62 percent of the workers live

on Staten Island, with others from the metropolitan area commuting to the site in Willowbrook each day.

"We have housing arrangements for employees from Jersey, the Bronx and Manhattan, space and food, during this emergency," King said.