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TO: State Transportation Directors
FROM: Ronna Weber
DATE: March 9, 2023
SUBJECT: National School Bus Illegal Passing Survey – 2023

We are pleased to announce that the 2023 NASDPTS Illegal Passing Survey is now open!

This survey is designed to aggregate data from school bus drivers (public and contracted) on the number of illegal passing incidents within each state.

We encourage states to use the preferred method of aggregating the illegal passing data at the state level and reporting one set of "bottom line" totals to the NASDPTS survey. Please select a representative "snapshot" day for your state's drivers to record illegal passing during the period from today, March 9, through the end of the survey, Friday, May 26, 2023. Alternatively, state directors may allow local school districts to select a day of their choosing and may instructor request that local school districts report directly to the NASDPTS survey. We have provided more information and tools below to assist you with either method. In addition, in a handful of states, collection of data by state agencies is discouraged or prohibited. If you are in such a state, we encourage you to reach out to your state student transportation association for help in coordinating the survey.

For your ease there is one uniform link for collecting data from each state or its local school districts. That link can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/STBCGT3>

Please be sure that you select only one method of reporting (either State or Local) within your state in order to eliminate duplication of data.

All the information you will need to launch the survey in your state will be on the NASDPTS website at:

<https://nasdpts.org/stop-arm-violations/#instructions>

Information posted there includes:

- The link that you or your districts can use to complete the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/STBCGT3>.
- The [reporting form](#) drivers should use to ensure that they record illegal passing in a nationally consistent format.
- A [sample letter](#) that you can send to your school districts to announce and launch the survey.
- A spreadsheet that you can use within your office to collect and aggregate the data from each of your state's school districts (the [state spreadsheet](#)), and,
- A spreadsheet that your local school districts can use to collect and total the data from each of their individual driver forms (the [local spreadsheet](#)).

Since the advent of the survey, we have seen state initiatives to improve motorist education about school bus stopping laws. We have also seen changes in state legislatures to increase penalties, improve enforcement, and authorize the use of photo evidence to issue citations. This survey data has been instrumental in documenting a continuing need for greater safety countermeasures at the state and national level, including the commitment by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to conduct a targeted national safety campaign.

If you have questions, please contact me at ExecDir@nasdpts.org. We look forward to your state's participation, and we thank you for your commitment to student transportation safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronna Weber', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ronna Weber
NASDPTS Executive Director