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Subject: NTSB Safety Recommendations Resulting From the Gray Summit School Bus Accident

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NASDPTS Members,

NTSB this morning issued a number of Safety Recommendations as a result of their investigation of the Gray Summit, Missouri fatal accident involving four vehicles including two school buses. One of the Safety Recommendations is addressed directly to NASDPTS, NAPT and NSTA. I will be drafting a response to that Safety Recommendation for consideration of the NASDPTS Board.

The remaining Safety Recommendations are far reaching and will have ramifications for the yellow school bus community.

The Safety Recommendations are listed below:

NTSB Safety Recommendations H-11-39

The National Transportation Safety Board makes the following safety recommendation to the 50 states and the District of Columbia:

- (1) Ban the nonemergency use of portable electronic devices (other than those designed to support the driving task) for all drivers;
- (2) use the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration model of high visibility enforcement to support these bans; and
- (3) implement targeted communication campaigns to inform motorists of the new law and enforcement, and to warn them of the dangers associated with the nonemergency use of portable electronic devices while driving. (H-11-39)

NTSB Safety Recommendations H-11-39 through -45

The National Transportation Safety Board makes the following safety recommendations to the state of Missouri:

- (1) Ban the nonemergency use of portable electronic devices (other than those designed to support the driving task) for all drivers;
- (2) use the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

model of high visibility enforcement to support these bans;
and

(3) implement targeted communication campaigns to inform motorists of the new law and enforcement, and to warn them of the dangers associated with the nonemergency use of portable electronic devices while driving. (H-11-39)

Revise state regulations to require a periodic safety review of motor carrier operations for those carriers involved in pupil transportation. (H-11-40)

Modify the Missouri Motor Vehicle Inspection Regulations so that all inspection areas and procedures that apply to school buses are contained within the "School Bus Inspection" section. (H-11-41)

Modify your school bus inspection procedures so that all brake defects specified in the Missouri Motor Vehicle Inspection Regulations can be identified during biannual inspections. (H-11-42)

Revise your MVI-2 vehicle inspection form so that it lists all items to be inspected, as required by the Missouri Motor Vehicle Inspection Regulations; and include on the form a means of succinctly describing whether each of those items passes inspection. (H-11-43)

Audit your vehicle inspection program to ensure that inspections conform to requirements of the Missouri Motor Vehicle Inspection Regulations. (H-11-44)

Revise your bus evacuation regulations to require that pupils traveling to an activity or on a field trip in a school bus or a school-chartered bus be instructed in safe riding practices and on the location and operation of emergency exits prior to starting the trip. (H-11-45)

NTSB Safety Recommendation H-11-46

The National Transportation Safety Board makes the following safety recommendation to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:

Incorporate into school bus driver training the risk of driver inattention, the need for proper scanning behavior,
and the necessity of keeping a safe following distance.
(H-11-46)

NTSB Safety Recommendations H-11-48

The National Transportation Safety Board makes the following safety recommendation to the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services, the

National Association for Pupil Transportation, and the National School Transportation Association:

Inform your members of the circumstances and events that contributed to the Gray Summit accident; discuss solutions for the driver, pretrip evacuation briefings, and vehicle, inspection, and technological issues presented in the report; and urge the implementation of these solutions among your members. (H-11-48)

NTSB Safety Recommendations H-11-47

The National Transportation Safety Board makes the following safety recommendation to CTIA-The Wireless Association and the Consumer Electronics Association:

Encourage the development of technology features that disable the functions of portable electronic devices within reach of the driver when a vehicle is in motion; these technology features should include the ability to permit emergency use of the device while the vehicle is in motion and have the capability of identifying occupant seating position so as not to interfere with use of the device by passengers. (H-11-47)

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