March 16, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Andy Craig
Deputy State Superintendent
Administrative and Financial Services

SUBJECT: REMINDER - School Bus Illegal Passing Survey.

This memorandum is being sent to remind you that the 2015 Illegal School Bus Passing Survey will be conducted on Wednesday, April 8, 2015. This is our annual statewide survey regarding motorists who illegally pass school buses that are stopped to load or unload students. Information about the survey was provided to transportation supervisors at recent area transportation meetings. The driver survey form can be found on page 39 of the Alabama School Bus Driver Record and Report Book.

In order to obtain adequate data, it is very important that we have the highest level of participation in this survey by our school systems; therefore, if your system has a conflict with the April 8th date set for the survey, you may use April 1, or April 15, 2015, as alternate dates. The attached tally sheet should be used to report your system’s information. For your assistance, a completed example of a tally sheet is also attached. Completed system tally sheets should be faxed to Jennifer Luster at 334-353-7953 no later than May 1, 2015. It is not necessary to mail the original tally sheet or send the individual driver surveys.

If you have not already done so, please communicate with your school bus drivers to remind them to collect the data. They should also be instructed as to how the information will be collected and reported for your school system. The survey is designed so that no data recording will be necessary during any school bus routes. Remind drivers that student safety is their main responsibility. Also, remind your drivers that with the implementation of the illegal passing law, the only illegal passings of buses on divided four-lane highways that should be recorded are those that occur from behind the bus. Motorists on the opposite side of a divided four-lane highway and traveling in the opposite direction from a school bus are no longer required to stop.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding this safety project. Please contact Kevin Snowden, Program Coordinator, Pupil Transportation Section, at 334-242-9730 if you have questions.

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Attachments

cc: City and County Transportation Supervisors
    Contract Supervisors
    Mr. Dennis Coe
    Pupil Transportation Staff

FY15-3027
TO: Transportation Directors and City School Superintendents  
FROM: Joe Lightsey, Director, Pupil Transportation  
DATE: April 8, 2015  
RE: Statewide School Bus Stop Arm Violation Count 2014

As you know, a big part of school bus safety is protecting kids outside the bus. So that we may have ongoing data for education purposes, legislative review and for your use, it is important that each local school system participate in this year’s statewide count of stop arm violations. These data will help to increase public awareness of this problem.

Use the survey form on page 39 of the Alabama School Bus Driver Record and Report book for drivers to collect the data. Please tally the results of the driver surveys and enter the totals on the form below. A completed example of a tally sheet is on page 40 of the Supervisor’s Notebook. FAX THIS SHEET ONLY to the SDE Pupil Transportation Section at 334-353-7953 no later than May 1, 2015. If you have questions, call (334) 242-9730. Thank you for helping to protect our students through your participation in this survey.

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**SCHOOL BUS ILLEGAL PASSING DATA TALLY SHEET**

Enter the COUNT for your school system for each category and the system total for each column. Enter numbers only, not tallies.

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<tr>
<th>Time of Pass</th>
<th>Number of Students at Bus Stop</th>
<th>Vehicle Passed from the:</th>
<th>Vehicle Passed on Which Side of the Bus?</th>
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<td>Left (driver side)</td>
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**SYSTEM TOTAL COUNT:**

**ALL SYSTEM TOTAL COUNT COLUMNS SHOULD BE EQUAL.**

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# EXAMPLE TALLY SHEET

As you know, a big part of successful school bus transportation is the careful monitoring of incidents such as illegal passing. These data help to increase public awareness of this problem. These data need to be reported to the Alabama School Bus Driver Record and Report book for drivers to collect the data. Please tally the results of the driver surveys and enter the totals on the form below. A completed example of a tally sheet is on page 40 of the Supervisor's Notebook. FAX THIS SHEET ONLY to the SDE Pupil Transportation Section at 334-353-7953 no later than May 1, 2015. If you have questions, call (334) 242-9730. Thank you for helping to protect our students through your participation in this survey.

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<td>P.M. 4</td>
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<td>Left 6 (driver side)</td>
<td>Light Truck or Van 2</td>
<td>3 Lanes 0</td>
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*SYSTEM TOTAL COUNT: 6

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