March 6, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: REMINDER - School Bus Illegal Passing Survey

This memorandum is being sent to remind you that the 2019 Illegal School Bus Passing Survey will be conducted on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. 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 3rd date set for the survey, you may use April 10, or April 17, 2019, 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 334-694-4975 no later than May 10, 2019. 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 Chad Carpenter, Program Administrator, Pupil Transportation Section, at 334-694-4545 if you have questions.

EGM/CC/JL

Attachments

cc: City and County Transportation Supervisors
   Contract Supervisors
   Perry Taylor
   Chad Carpenter
   Pupil Transportation Staff

FY19-3023
DATA TALLY SHEET

SCHOOL BUS ILLEGAL PASSING

Please fax this sheet only to special pupil transportation at (334) 494-4975. Return Bus Driver Sheets until April 30, 2020.

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Enter the count for your school system for each category and the system total for each column.

Enter numbers only, not initials.

Survey Date: ________________________
Supervisor’s Name: ____________________
School System: ______________________

2019 School Bus Stop Arm Violation Count

RE: Special School Bus Stop Arm Violation
DATE: April 30, 2019
FROM: Transportation Director, City and County School Superintendents
TO: