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**To: Local School District Transportation Directors and Contractors**

**From: Lt. Brian Reu**

**Subject: 2022 National School Bus Illegal Passing Survey**

While school buses remain incredibly safe, we all know that students are most vulnerable when they are outside the bus in the “danger zone.” Minnesota will be assisting the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS) in coordinating a national survey to document illegal passing of school buses. The data will help improve safety countermeasures at the state or national level.

We are requesting your assistance in this important project. On **April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, please have your district’s school bus operators observe and report any instances of motorists illegally passing their school buses, using the attached form. *Even drivers who have no “pass-by’s” on the day of the survey should turn in the form so that we can get accurate data on how many pass-by’s occur per day per bus.*

Please instruct drivers to pay particular attention to the instructions and safety precautions. As always, their primary duty is to the safety of their students. Please have your drivers pay particular attention to the bottom of the form where they are instructed to *“report only illegal passes that occur while the bus driver is stopped with red warning lights flashing and stop arm(s) deployed in full compliance with our state training and procedures.”*

I am asking that each district or operator delegate one person to collect the stats for your operation and submit the results using the following link no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020; <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022PassingSurvey>.

This year I’ve included a couple of additional questions for our State’s interest. Please answer all the questions.

Thank you for your help with this important initiative.

Attachments: [Illegal Passing Driver Reporting Form \(hyperlink included\)](#)  
Local results tool attached to original email.