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TO: Local School District Transportation Directors and Transportation Providers,

SUBJECT: 2018 National School Bus Illegal Passing Survey

FROM: Lieutenant Brian Reu

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

We are enlisting your assistance in this important project. On **04/18/2018**, please have your district's school bus operators observe and report any instances of motorists illegally passing their school buses, using the attached "Driver Illegal Passing Reporting 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 them 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 note the criteria at the bottom of the form to ensure they *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*.

Please collect your district's results and report them no later than 04/30/18 as follows:

Complete and email the attached "Illegal Passing Results Spreadsheet-local use" to me at brian.reu@state.mn.us

If you have any questions regarding the survey or attached forms please contact me by either email or phone. The forms can also be found at the following link, http://www.nasdpts.org/StopArm/MethodologyAndInstructions.html#datacollection

Thank you for your help with this important initiative.

Attachments: Driver Illegal Passing Reporting Form
Illegal Passing Results Spread Sheet –local use