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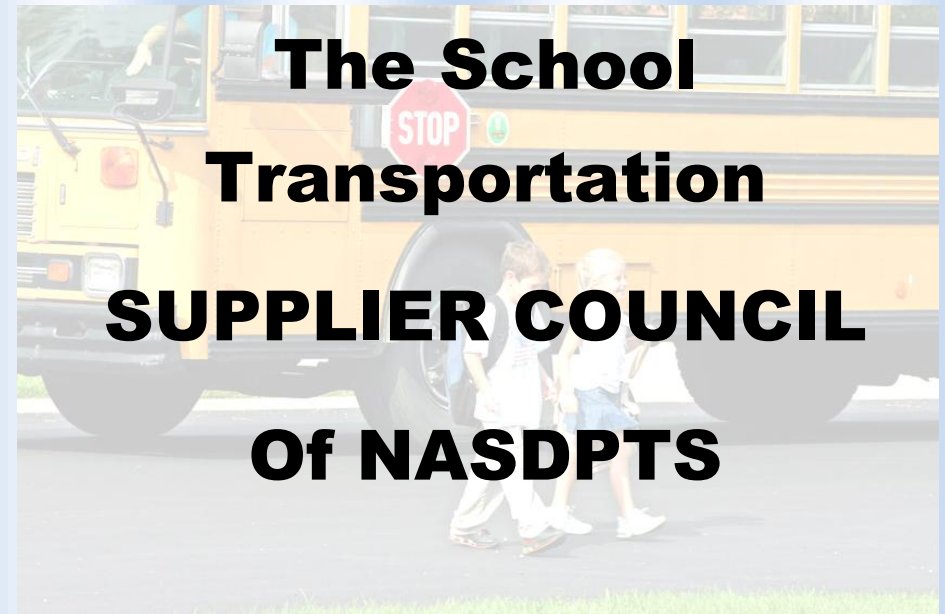
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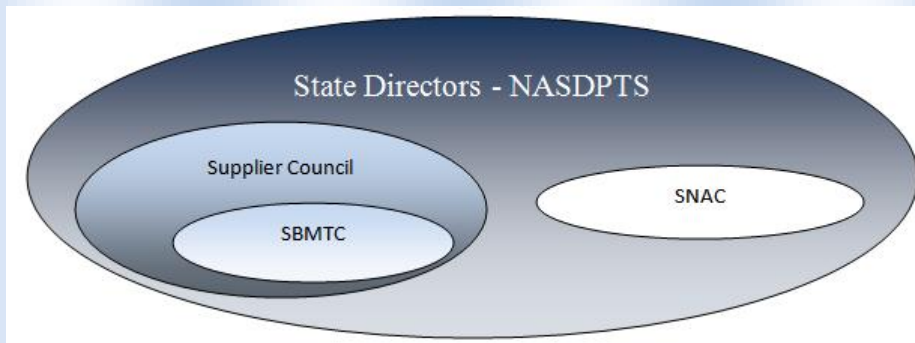


# Introduction To: National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services NASDPTS

## Who are we?

The State Directors Association was created in 1968. The website ([www.nasdpts.org](http://www.nasdpts.org)) has more information on the “More about Us” page. The purpose of the association is to provide leadership, assistance and motivation to the nation’s school transportation community and industry. The Association works to ensure safe, secure, environmentally responsible, yet cost effective transportation to school children and ensure their continued access to school and related activities. Each state has a state appointed “State Director” for pupil transportation. The appointees are almost all either a part of their state’s education department or law enforcement agency.

The Association’s structure includes two membership councils: the State and National Associations Council [SNAC] and the Supplier Council (including its subsidiary School Bus Manufacturers Technical Council – SBMTC). Those who share our purpose and work in any phase of service to school bus transportation, but do not qualify for membership in any of the Councils, may join the Association as an Associate Member. Lists of our current members are posted at the NASDPTS website. Descriptions of the membership categories are also provided on the website.



## How do we work together?

Although the Association meets once a year at its annual conference, it conducts most of its business as a virtual organization. The contracted services providers--the Executive Director, the Administrative Services Director, and the Membership Services Directors--are located in different states. All Board of Directors members are also located in different states. The work of NASDPTS occurs at the annual conference and throughout the year via web meetings, teleconferences, and email.

The chairpersons of the Supplier Council Steering Committee and the State and National Associations Council [SNAC] have a seat on the NASDPTS Board of Directors. The Supplier Council meets twice a year: on Mondays at the STN Expo and at the fall NASDPTS Annual Conference. SNAC meets at the NASDPTS Annual Conference. The SBMTC usually meets following the NASDPTS Annual Conference and at other times of the year.

## Whom do we work with—and why?

NASDPTS membership represents state and national leaders in school bus transportation, local administrators, suppliers of products and services, as well as grassroots practitioners. The common ground is our purpose. SNAC encompasses the leadership from state and national associations. The Supplier Council encompasses the school bus original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), and other suppliers of equipment and services from across the nation and Canada. The focus of NASDPTS is on national and state policies and positions regarding school bus specifications, industry standards, and procedures for school bus transportation. As one aspect of its leadership role, NASDPTS appoints six standing members, including two from the SBMTC, to the Steering Committee of the National Congress on School Transportation (NCST). The NCST Steering Committee usually meets twice yearly to coordinate the work leading up to each five-year Congress. The product of the NCST is the National School Transportation Specifications and Procedures produced each five years.

NASDPTS works closely with federal agencies responsible for providing oversight and guidance in various aspects of student transportation. These agencies include the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Education Department (USED), and others. NASDPTS also works with equivalent agencies and associations on the state and local levels as required to serve its members.

Although the National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT) and the National School Transportation Association (NSTA) have a slightly different focus, those organizations also share many common goals, and we are all represented on the American School Bus Council ([www.americanschoolbuscouncil.org](http://www.americanschoolbuscouncil.org)). The bond of promoting and ensuring the benefits of yellow school bus ridership is the glue that holds the coalition together.