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## **Annual NASDPTS Survey Highlights Danger of Passing School Buses**

**Montpelier, Vermont** - Today, the national association representing state directors of pupil transportation released the results of its tenth survey on illegal passing of school buses. In 34 states throughout the country over 22 percent of the nation's school bus drivers participated in a one-day survey to report motorists who passed their stopped school buses. In the survey, 79,859 school bus drivers reported that 51,593 vehicles passed their buses illegally on a single day during the 2021-22 school year. Given the lower number of drivers participating this year versus our 2019 survey, we think it is helpful to compare the years. Adjusting for 100% of the school bus drivers in the U.S., we would have seen just over 232,000 illegal passings in both 2019 and 2022. Throughout a 180-day school year, these sample results point to more than 41.8 million violations per year among America's motoring public.

"These numbers, when adjusted for 100% of the school bus drivers across the country, show that unfortunately illegal passings of stopped school buses are at an epidemic level. Too often the safety of our nation's children is put into question simply because motorists are either not paying attention or are in a hurry. This is simply unacceptable," said Pat McManamon, President of the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services. "Motorists must understand the rules of the road and must follow them every single day," he continued.

This survey has been conducted annually since 2011, with the exception of 2020 and 2021, when the survey was not conducted due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the resulting school closures across the country. The survey results have brought greater attention by state and federal policy makers to the need for greater safety countermeasures. In recent years, several states have increased penalties for violations, authorized the use of photo evidence for issuing citations, or enacted other measures designed to deter this dangerous practice.

As the new school year ramps up throughout the country, the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services encourages state directors, local school districts, law enforcement agencies, legislators, and America's motoring public to redouble their efforts to reduce the ongoing threat to the safety of students posed by distracted driving and illegal passing of school buses.

Complete information on the project, including the detailed results from the 2022 survey and prior years, can be found at <https://www.nasdpts.org/stop-arm-violations/#results>.

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