

National School Bus Safety Week is October 17-21, 2011

The yellow school bus is an icon in our society. It speaks of safety and security and a solid, wholesome education for our children. While safety and security does not come easily, the dedication and hard work of many professionals in the school transportation community ensures its viability.

As a Transportation Supervisor and a member of the New York Association for Pupil Transportation, I am proud of the school bus safety record we have attained for our children and community. Our mechanics work hard every day to inspect and maintain our yellow school buses to the highest standards. Our drivers are trained and prepared to transport our children through all kinds of traffic and weather and to respond to their needs as they drive them to school. Our routers and dispatchers strive to find the safest and most efficient ways to get our children to and from school. Our driver/monitor trainers ensure that our team is ready to do their job with excellence and efficiency.

We are also proud to say that in recent years we have taken many steps to make our operations even more efficient and continue to identify ways to conserve precious resources that are provided by the community. This includes reviewing and adjusting our bus routes on a continuous basis, eliminating idling of the buses that wastes fuel, and incorporating preventive maintenance efforts that will save our district in the long run.

During School Bus Safety Week, it is important to remember that **“our future is riding with us!”**

Sincerely,

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