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**National Association
of State Directors
of Pupil Transportation Services**

March 18, 2020

TO: State Transportation Directors

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SUBJECT: CANCELLATION: 10th Annual National School Bus Illegal Passing Survey – 2020

Like all of you, NASDPTS has been monitoring the impact the novel coronavirus and COVID-19 are having on student transportation and education. Since many school districts, charter schools, and other educational institutions are closed for weeks or more, NASDPTS is canceling this year's call for state directors and others to coordinate the voluntary collection of data on the incidence of illegal passing of school buses. To date, only two local school districts have submitted data, and we have closed the survey. If you have asked local school districts, contractors, or charter schools to participate, please inform them about this cancellation.

We know the survey data is important. The past nine years of data have documented an unfortunate and consistently high incidence of illegal passing (see the attached chart for the overall numbers). Shortly, we will be pivoting to one or two concise surveys that would ask state directors and perhaps local school districts to answer other important questions about policies, procedures, and equipment that states are employing to mitigate illegal passing of school buses and improve pedestrian safety for school bus riders. Our goal is to make responding to the substitute survey(s) simple, while collecting information that will allow us to determine consensus best practices or sources of data that states oversee. We will not reinvent the wheel or attempt to duplicate other, existing information sources. For example, see the January 2020 report from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), State School Bus Stop-Arm Camera Laws, located [here](#).

If you have any suggestions for the types of information we should collect, keeping in mind our goal to make the survey(s) concise and based on readily available information, please let

me know within the next week.

In the meantime, please stay safe and healthy as we work through the unprecedented challenges we are all facing in light of the current public health crisis.

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