

# Loading Zone Safety

- Documenting the problem:
  - Illegal passing surveys
  - Identification of high violation areas
  - Video or photo recording of violations
  - Notification of high violation areas to public and law enforcement
- Public awareness efforts:
  - State law on required motorist actions when encountering buses slowing or stopped
  - Back to school safety messaging
  - Discussion of consequences (not just civil or criminal penalties)

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- Enforcement:
  - Ongoing relationship with local and state police
  - Training and awareness for prosecutors and judiciary
  - Priority on most vulnerable locations
  - Ongoing enforcement and enforcement blitzes
  - Police presence emphasis during back to school, Safety Week, Love the Bus
  - Citations from photo or video evidence (if legal)
  - Longitudinal tracking of enforcement frequency
- Student rider training on bus stop waiting location, potential hazards, crossing procedures
- Driver training in stopping sequence, student crossing, and student signaling procedures

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- Vehicle factors (mirrors, high visibility lighting, pupil crossing arms, conspicuity)
- School bus stop placement
- Effective state laws and penalties for violations
- Reducing dragging incidents
- What are some other considerations and safety countermeasures???

# NASDPTS Illegal Passing Survey



- Completed annually since 2011 to document incidence of this well known safety threat
- 2016 survey results:
  - 96K drivers in 33 states, plus DC, participated
  - 74K motorists illegally passed stopped buses
- Complete results available at <http://www.nasdpts.org/StopArm/index.html>