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STATE ASSOCIATION SURVEY: ILLEGAL PASSES APPROACH 37,000 DAILY!

The New York Association for Pupil Transportation today released the results of a survey taken on May 18, 2016, to measure the incidence of motorists illegally passing stopped school buses. And the results simply cannot be ignored by government leaders, the media and the public.

In the 74 school districts that participated, **2001** school bus drivers reported they were passed a total of 1,480 times, including **61** passes on the passenger side of the school bus.

At that rate of passing when applied to over 50,000 school buses in New York State, the total estimated illegal passing rate is **36,857 passes** for that day. That same calculation would mean that, of that amount, **1,479** motorists passed school buses on the **RIGHT** side of the bus on that date.

Since October 2015 when NYAPT started conducting these surveys, the results have been as follows:

 October 2015:	19,129
 November 2015:	30,735
 December 2015:	32,456
 January 2016:	23,841
 February 2016:	34,871
 March 2016:	25,250
 April 2016:	33,128
 MAY 2016	36,857

NYAPT President, David Adam, noted that “We are seriously alarmed at these high levels of illegal passing. These numbers mean that some 37,000 motorists disregarded the law and showed a disregard for the lives of our children. The fact that we had nearly 37,000 passes on one day is not only totally unacceptable; it is, quite frankly, frightening.”

NYAPT is in Albany on May 24th advocating for passage of legislation that will allow cameras to be mounted on school buses and the evidence from those cameras to be used to prosecute motorists who pass stopped school buses illegally. NYAPT believes there is significant support for that legislation (S3509C-Sen. Young and A1520C-Assemblyman Magnarelli) and that it would pass in both houses if it came to a vote.

NYAPT Executive Director, Peter Mannella, noted: “This is a time for action. We need to pass legislation -- THIS YEAR -- that will help us apprehend and ticket motorists who blow by red lights in ignorance, distraction or indifference. It’s time New Yorkers lined up in support of safety for our children. **STOP FOR THE SCHOOL BUS!** It’s all for the safety of our children!”

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