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SURVEY: OVER 19,000 ILLEGAL PASSING INCIDENTS

The New York Association for Pupil Transportation today released the results of a survey taken on October 21, 2015, to measure the incidence of motorists illegally passing stopped school buses.

In the 32 school districts that participated (including 2 served by private contractors), 1,286 school bus drivers reported that they were passed a total of 492 times, including nine (9) 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 **19,129** for that day.

The sample of districts participating includes predominantly rural and smaller suburban areas with lighter traffic flow and a lower incidence of illegal passing.

NYAPT President, David Adam, noted that "Regardless of whether it's 19,000 or 32,000 or 50,000, our children are being endangered at frightening rates and we need to educate the public on how dangerous that is to those children!"

NYAPT is seeking legislation that will allow cameras to be mounted on the STOP ARMS of school buses and the evidence from those cameras to be used to prosecute motorists who pass stopped school buses illegally.