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STATE ASSOCIATION SURVEY: **ILLEGAL PASSES EXCEED 33,000 DAILY!**

The New York Association for Pupil Transportation today released the results of a survey taken on April 13, 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 24 school districts that participated, 732 school bus drivers reported they were passed a total of 485 times, including 7 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 **33,128 passes** for that day. That same calculation would mean that 478 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

NYAPT President, David Adam, noted that “We are seriously alarmed at these high levels of illegal passing. These numbers mean that over 33,000 motorists disregarded the law and showed a disregard for the lives of our children. The fact that we had 33,128 illegal passes on one day is just unacceptable.”

NYAPT is advocating that the Senate and Assembly pass 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 (S3509B-Sen. Young and A1520B-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 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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