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SURVEY: OVER 32,000 ILLEGAL PASSING INCIDENTS IN ONE DAY!

The New York Association for Pupil Transportation today released the results of a survey taken on December 16, 2015, to measure the incidence of motorists illegally passing stopped school buses.

In the **29** school districts that participated, **912** school bus drivers reported that they were passed a total of **592** times, including nine (**51**) 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 **32,456 passes** for that day. This total marks a significant increase over the October 2015 survey count of 19,129 and the 30,735 recorded in November 2015.

NYAPT President, David Adam, noted that “We continue to see motorists pass our school buses at alarming rates! The motoring public really has to get serious about Stopping for Stopped School Buses...for the safety of our Children!”

As part of its response to this on-going and high-risk problem, 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.

NYAPT Executive Director, Peter Mannella, noted: “We urge the state legislature and the Governor to get on board and enact legislation that will allow Stop Arm Cameras to identify motorists who pass our stopped school buses and to allow tickets to be issued as a result of the images taken by those cameras. It’s all for the safety of our children!”

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