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## **SURVEY: OVER 30,000 ILLEGAL PASSING INCIDENTS IN ONE DAY!**

The New York Association for Pupil Transportation today released the results of a survey taken on November 18, 2015, to measure the incidence of motorists illegally passing stopped school buses.

In the **28** school districts that participated, **1,020** school bus drivers reported that they were passed a total of **627** times, including nine (**50**) 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 **30,735** for that day. This total marks a significant increase over the October 2015 survey count of 19,129.

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 “This continuing disregard for the safety of our children is alarming and we urge parents and law enforcement officials to join us in urging all motorists to STOP for the school bus!”

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 support our efforts to 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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