RESOLUTION:  2006-016-P
SUBJECT:    Special Needs Training
DATE ADOPTED: June 9, 2007
AMENDED:
REVIEWED: 12/4/2010

Whereas, the mission of NYAPT relates to ensuring the safe and efficient transportation of
our school children, and,

Whereas, students with disabilities and special needs have always been of particular interest
and concern for NYAPT and our members, and,

Whereas, recent trends have pointed to a need for increased attention to training and
preparing school bus drivers and attendants/monitors in the transportation of students with
special needs, and,

Whereas, there is legislative and public interest in expanding the training requirements
placed on drivers and other school bus personnel related to special needs transportation,
therefore,

Be it resolved that:
The New York Association for Pupil Transportation supports and endorses a change in the
school bus driver refresher program that would require that one hour of the pre-September
refresher be focused on training related to special needs students.

Be it further resolved that:
The Board direct the Executive Director to disseminate this resolution to the NYAPT
membership through publication in the SCHOCK ABSORBER, posting on the NYAPT
website and materials forwarded to the 20 NYAPT Chapters.

And be it further resolved that:
The Board direct the Executive Director to share this resolution with all appropriate
representatives of the state legislature, the State Education Department, other related state
agencies, the Comprehensive School Bus Driver Safety Training Advisory Committee,
organizations that advocate for students with disabilities and special needs, and other
individuals and organizations as appropriate.