



**NEW YORK ASSOCIATION
FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION**

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2021 School Transportation Legislative Priorities

Transportation Aid

- NYAPT will support legislation that will require the payment of Transportation Aid during the industry pause experienced March 16, 2020 through May 1, 2020, and at all times that in person instruction in schools is not practicable due to Executive Order or natural disaster.

Criminal Trespass & Security on a School Bus

- NYAPT will support legislation that will establish a crime of criminal trespass in the third degree on a school bus to protect our bus drivers, students and property.

Passing Stopped School Bus Legislation

- NYAPT will support an increase in passing stopped school bus fines to provide for the creation of an education fund to support motorist education, utilizing fines from 1174 convictions.
- NYAPT will support legislation to establish a crime of vehicular homicide for instances where the death of a child is caused by a motorist while in the act of passing stopped school bus.

Other School Transportation Positions

- NYAPT will support ongoing review of new crime legislation in order to provide for the continuous review and update of the list of disqualifying crimes for school bus drivers.
- NYAPT will oppose legislation related to the mandatory use of ignition interlock systems on school buses.
- NYAPT will support legislation that removes the 55-mph speed limit from Education Law.

- NYAPT will advocate to provide support for the State Education Department's Pupil Transportation Services Department with respect to training and compliance responsibilities.
- NYAPT supports the removal of operational restrictions from the Regulations of the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles regulation, 15CRR-NY 56.12 regarding strobe lights on school buses.
- NYAPT will support legislation that will remove financial penalties for "shared services" among school districts for transportation efficiencies.

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