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*Press Conference*  
*Thursday, May 2, 2019*  
*10:30 Am*

The New York Association of Pupil Transportation (NYAPT) will be convening a news conference at the **Transportation Offices of the East Irondequoit Central School District, 125 Kane Drive, Rochester, NY 14622 at 10:30 AM to bring attention to the dangerous incidences of illegal passing of stopped school buses with red lights flashing. This is a statewide Operation Safe Stop event conducted to raise awareness relative to this problem.**

News conference participants include school transportation managers, law enforcement agencies, legislators, school transportation partners and NYAPT representatives from across the State.

According to statewide driver surveys, motorists pass stopped school buses an astounding **50,000 times per day** while red lights are flashing and children are being picked up or discharged from school buses. This is unacceptable!

Last year, NYAPT conducted several regional summits across New York State in an effort to coordinate efforts to make school bus transportation safer for children. As a result, various actions have been recommended including:

- Increased state and local police patrols and enforcement;
- High visibility messaging on highways and neighborhood streets;
- Social media campaigns; and
- Student and parental awareness trainings.

This campaign is made possible through grant support from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and funding from the National Highway Safety Administration.

We meet on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, in cooperation with local and state law enforcement agencies, to bring attention to this serious safety issue that endangers our school children who ride our buses.

We hope you will join us in this effort!