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National School Transportation Association Speaks at National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Public Meeting on Occupant Protection

WASHINGTON, D.C.- The National School Transportation Association's (NSTA) Executive Director, Ronna Weber, spoke at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) public meeting on occupant protection on school buses on Thursday, July 23.

NSTA reiterated its position that the decision of whether or not to require three-point seat belts on large school buses should be a local one. Ms. Weber also raised other concerns during the discussion, including the danger zone around the bus is a greater safety problem and that a focus by NHTSA to address this area could have a greater effect on safety.

The meeting was scheduled by NHTSA to discuss the challenges and barriers to the installation of three-point seat belt systems in large school buses.

"We appreciate the opportunity to offer our concerns on this issue at this important meeting and look forward to the next steps in this discussion that will be offered by NHTSA in the fall," stated Ronna Weber.

The event was webcast and can be viewed at:
<http://www.nhtsa.gov/nhtsa/symposiums/july2015/index.html>.

About NSTA:

The National School Transportation Association has been the voice of private school bus contractors, manufacturers and suppliers for over 50 years. The association provides school transportation professionals with the tools and resources they need to make school buses safe, affordable, and efficient nationwide. Offices are at 122 South Royal Street Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone: 703-684-3200. Fax: 703-684-3212.