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National School Transportation Association Teams Up with Autism Society to Provide School Bus Contractors Access to Information and Training Related to Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Washington, DC - The National School Transportation Association and the Autism Society are excited to announce a partnership whereby school bus contracted staff will receive information about autism spectrum disorder, signs for early detection, and ways to communicate this information to appropriate caregivers and parents for effective intervention.

This partnership is both essential and ideal as school bus drivers and aides are often the most consistent and least demanding adult figures in a school child's day. As school bus transportation is the safest mode of transportation of all modes, all children are safest riding to school in a yellow school bus and this tool equips drivers with the additional safety information they need.

The partnership was introduced at the National School Transportation Association's 2015 Annual Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Monday, July 20.

In addition to the rollout of the toolkit the organizations announced they are partnering in the Autism Society's one day awareness and fundraising event. This event, dubbed "The Big Give for Autism" aims to raise money for the continuing nation-wide programs of the Autism Society, it's over 100 affiliates and partnering organizations while bringing awareness to the fact that autism is a very real concern in America today, affecting one in 68 people. The Big Give for Autism happens on September 17 and will utilize the hashtag #AutismBigGive on all social media platforms. For more information visit www.AutismBigGive.org.

The Autism Society, the nation's leading grassroots autism organization, exists to improve the lives of all affected by autism. We do this by increasing public awareness about the day-to-day issues faced by people on the spectrum, advocating for appropriate services for individuals across the lifespan, and providing the latest information regarding treatment, education, research and advocacy.

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.