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### **For Immediate Release**

## **National School Transportation Association and Thomas Built Buses to Hold Annual School Bus Driver International Safety Competition**

**High Point, N.C.** – June 22, 2016 – The National School Transportation Association (NSTA) will host the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual School Bus Driver International Safety Competition on July 17, 2016, at Thomas Built Buses, Inc. in High Point, North Carolina. This event is being held in conjunction with NSTA's 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting & Convention and Thomas Built Buses' 100-year Anniversary.

This competition presents school bus drivers from across the United States and Canada the opportunity to compete for an international title as they showcase their knowledge and skills. On Saturday, July 16 contestants will begin with a written exam testing their understanding of the rules of the road. On Sunday, July 17 drivers will get behind the wheel of a school bus and complete the road course, competing in one of three categories: conventional, small bus or transit.

"The safety competition recognizes the top school bus drivers from across the United States and Canada. School buses are the safest form of transportation available because of the high priority the industry places on training and attention to safety as well as the design of the school bus. These competitors are at the top of their field, and we are honored to host this event," said Todd Monteferrario, NSTA President.

Winners and their contractor companies will be acknowledged on Sunday evening at NSTA's dinner and awards ceremony, sponsored by IC Bus. Banquet festivities will be held at the Grandover Resort and Conference Center in Greensboro, North Carolina.

"We are proud to host this year's School Bus Driver International Safety Competition," said Caley Edgerly, president and CEO of Thomas Built Buses. "We pride ourselves in safety and innovation, as we have for the past 100 years. Hosting this event aligns perfectly with our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the values and skills that we instill in our own employees and dealers across the nation."

**About Thomas Built Buses**

Founded in 1916, [Thomas Built Buses](http://www.thomasbus.com) is a leading manufacturer of school buses in North America. Since the first Thomas Built bus rolled off the assembly line, the company has been committed to delivering the smartest and most innovative buses in North America. Learn more at [www.thomasbus.com](http://www.thomasbus.com) or at [www.facebook.com/thomasbuiltbuses](https://www.facebook.com/thomasbuiltbuses).

Thomas Built Buses, Inc., headquartered in High Point, N.C., is a subsidiary of [Daimler Trucks North America LLC](http://www.daimlertrucksna.com), the largest heavy-duty truck manufacturer in North America and a leading manufacturer of class 4-8 vehicles. Daimler Trucks North America produces and markets commercial vehicles under the [Freightliner](http://www.freightliner.com), [Western Star](http://www.westernstar.com) and Thomas Built Buses nameplates. Daimler Trucks North America is a [Daimler](http://www.daimler.com) company.

**About NSTA:**

The National School Transportation Association has been the voice of private school bus contractors, manufacturers and suppliers for more than 50 years. The association provides school transportation professionals 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.

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