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**National School Transportation Association
Announces Winners of the
School Bus Driver International Safety Competition**

ALEXANDRIA, VA - The National School Transportation Association (NSTA) hosted the 46th Annual School Bus Driver International Safety Competition on July 17, 2016, at Thomas Built Buses, Inc. in High Point, North Carolina. This event was held in conjunction with NSTA's 52nd Annual Meeting & Convention, which begins today. The three-day meeting affords members the opportunity to network with their colleagues and hear presentations on issues of most importance to the industry.

This competition offers school bus drivers from across the United States and Canada the opportunity to showcase their knowledge and skills, allowing them to compete for the international title. In order to be eligible, a driver must have competed in a state or provincial competition in the school bus class they are entering in the International Competition and that competition must have been held during the last year. The driver with the highest score in each school bus class for a public sector carrier and the driver with the highest score in each school bus class for a private sector carrier are eligible to compete in the International Competition.

The contestants began the competition on Saturday, July 16th with a written exam testing their understanding of the rules of the road. Then the drivers got behind the wheel of a school bus and completed a road course on Sunday, July 17th. Drivers competed in one of three categories: conventional, small bus, or transit.

NSTA is pleased to announce the following winners, which were acknowledged on Sunday, July 17 at NSTA's Dinner and Awards Ceremony, sponsored by IC Bus. Banquet festivities were held at the Grandover Resort and Conference Center.

Small Bus

First Place – Virginia Smythe, Greater Albany Public Schools, Oregon
Second Place – Geoffrey Roan, Educational Bus Transportation, New York
Third Place – Gloria Flor, Crosby-Ironton Transportation, Inc., Minnesota
Honorable Mention – Claudia Christen, Prairie Bus Lines, Alberta, Canada

Conventional Bus

First Place – Kristina Raley, Vidor ISD, Texas
Second Place – Michelle Derryberry, Marrayville Joint USD, California

Third Place – Larry Hannon Sr., Centennial School District, Pennsylvania
Honorable Mention – John Labus, Cabell County Schools, West Virginia

Transit Bus

First Place – Mark Miller, Bellingham Public Schools, Washington
Second Place – Delene Lewis, Allen ISD, Texas
Third Place – Joey Goodpaster, Cabell Co. BOE, West Virginia
Honorable Mention – Derek Bosserman, Tahoe Truckee USD, California

“This great event showcases excellence in school bus knowledge, maneuvering and skill. School bus transportation is the safest mode of transportation available and these elite drivers are truly the best of the best. We congratulate all of the competitors in this international competition as well as the winners in each vehicle category.” offered NSTA President Todd Monteferrario.

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.