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**The National Transportation Safety Board  
Makes Recommendations for NSTA**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA-** The National School Transportation Association (NSTA) received a letter from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) this week relaying the safety recommendations following NTSB's investigations of school bus accidents in Chesterfield, New Jersey and Port Lucie, Florida. Both accidents occurred in 2012.

NTSB has recommended that NSTA do the following:

- Develop guidelines and include them in the next update of the National School Transportation Specifications and Procedures to assist schools in training bus drivers, students and parents on the importance and proper use of school bus seat belts, including manual lap belts, adjustable lap and shoulder belts, and flexible seating systems.
- Provide your members with educational materials on lap and shoulder belts providing the highest level of protection for school bus passengers, and advise states or school districts to consider this added safety benefit when purchasing seat belt equipped-school buses.

“The school bus is the safest form of transportation on the road, but any effort to increase safety deserves our utmost attention. NSTA takes any safety recommendation offered by the NTSB very seriously. We will carefully review these recommendations and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with the NTSB to make school buses as safe as they can possibly be,” offered NSTA President Tim Flood.

NSTA will respond to the NTSB, as requested, within 90 days detailing any actions we have taken or intended to take in response to these recommendations.

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**About NSTA:**

The National School Transportation Association has been the voice of private school bus contractors, manufacturers and suppliers for more than 40 years. The association provides school transportation professionals with the tools and resources they need to make school buses safe, affordable, and efficient nationwide. Additional questions can be sent to Megan Benfatti at

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