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**NSTA Commends FMCSA for Final Rule on Unified Registration Systems**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA**-The National School Transportation Association (NSTA) commends the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) for its recent final rule on the Unified Registration System (URS).

The rule, which combines the registration system into a unified system, requires contractors subject to FMCSRs for interstate field trips and athletic trips organized and paid for by the school district and not doing any other charter work to register with FMCSA and obtain a USDOT number.

During the Comment Period, NSTA raised several issues of concern for contractors and asked FMCSA for clarification. FMCSA clarified the following: the school bus exemption is not effected by the rule in any way; contractors should only declare the portion of their vehicles and drivers used in interstate commerce operations and not the portion that are used solely in school bus operations; and payments made by a municipality to a for-hire school bus operator to provide non-exempt transportation of students would be considered compensation rather than a subsidy. All of these clarifications result in a significant savings to the industry.

“The National School Transportation Association would like to thank the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for their diligence in answering the questions posed by the industry. Their common sense approach to these concerns will result in tremendous savings to the industry. This is a great example of NSTA’s value to our members and the industry. Without NSTA’s efforts, the industry would now bear a great burden,” stated NSTA President Tim Flood.

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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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