NSTA Represents for School Bus Industry at Clean Diesel 10 Conference

NSTA joined a diverse collection of federal, state and local officials as well as environmental, health and industry representatives on October 19 and 20 during the “Clean Diesel 10 Conference in Washington, D.C. NSTA was represented by Donald Fowler, NSTA President; Bob Pudlewski, NSTA’s technology specialist; Rochelle Bast, a member of the NSTA Board of Directors; Gabe Rozsa of Prime Policy Group, NSTA’s Washington representative; and Dale Krapf, chairman of NSTA’s Go Yellow, Go Green Committee. The two-day event also included presentations and exhibits by top EPA, environmental and health officials, and industry groups on the significant progress the United States has made in the past 10 years to improve air quality through new clean diesel technology, including reducing school bus and other diesel emission by 96% from levels for buses made in 1994.

NSTA had broad participation during the Clean Diesel 10 conference including exhibiting in the tradeshow, speaking at the conference and sponsoring as a Clean Air Leader. Mr. Krapf participated on a panel on policy and communications that looked at future directions for clean diesel programs and projects. Mr. Krapf highlighted policy initiatives that could make clean diesel programs more successful for the private industry. He not only emphasized several legislative initiatives in the Diesel Emission Reduction Act reauthorization (increased and steady funding, direct access for the private sector, and streamlining the regulatory process), but also had the opportunity to call for the Investment Tax Credit for new equipment.

Mr. Krapf said, “It was a fantastic opportunity for NSTA and the yellow school bus industry to demonstrate our commitment to Clean Diesel efforts. I was proud to represent NSTA and our leadership in this area.”

President Donald Fowler concurred, “The Diesel Emission Reduction Act and other Federal and state clean diesel programs have helped NSTA members across the country clean up their emissions, reduce idling times, and usher in new engine technologies, including with the purchase of 2010 standards school buses. We look forward to being able to participate even more fully in the future.”

About NSTA
The National School Transportation Association is a trade organization representing school bus contractors; that is, private companies that own and operate school buses and contract with school districts to provide pupil transportation. For 40 years, it has been dedicated to safe, secure and efficient transportation of children, and works to foster improvements in all areas of pupil transportation. Members range from small one- or two-bus companies to larger corporate entities operating more than 1,000 school buses in multiple states. Offices are at 113 South West St., 4th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone: (703) 684-3200 or (800) 222-NSTA. Fax (703) 684-3212. Email: info@yellowbuses.org