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Safety & Security Committee Chair Gary Catapano Selected for Federal Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee

ALEXANDRIA, VA- The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has appointed Mr. Gary Catapano to its Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee (MCSAC).

“The safety of our nation’s school children has always been my focus and top priority and I appreciate the opportunity to help the agency with the regulations that affect NSTA’s members. I look forward to working with the committee on behalf of NSTA to help keep our student passengers safe,” said Gary Catapano.

Gary Catapano is the Chairman of the National School Transportation Association’s (NSTA) Safety and Security Committee and a member of NSTA’s Government Relations committee. Gary was recognized by NSTA in 2010 for his contributions to school transportation operations and safety nationwide with a Golden Merit Award.

“We closely follow the committee as their recommendations pertain to the school bus industry and are glad to see someone who understands these important issues participating in the discussion,” said Ronna Sable Weber, NSTA Executive Director.

Members of the MCSAC are appointed by FMCSA’s administrator, Anne Ferro and are tasked to recommend motor carrier safety programs and motor carrier safety regulations. Participants offer a range of expertise from motor carrier professionals, enforcement officers and safety advocates.

“We welcome our new MCSAC members and look forward to their contributions that will help FMCSA raise the bar for carriers to enter the industry, maintain high safety standards to remain in the industry, and remove high risk carriers and drivers from our roadways,” said FMCSA Administrator Anne Ferro.

Mr. Catapano serves as the Senior Vice President of Safety for First Student, a national school bus contracting company. He brings 19 years of transportation safety experience to his position and will be joining the committee at the April 8-10 meeting in Alexandria, VA.

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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 MBenfatti@yellowbuses.org. Offices are at 113 S. West Street, 4th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone: 703-684-3200. Fax: 703-684-3212. www.yellowbuses.org.

About MCSAC:

In 2006, the Secretary of Transportation charged the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) with the task of developing a committee of industry professionals to collaborate and make recommendations that would improve motor carrier safety nationwide. The committee meets on a quarterly basis and members serve a two year term. See <http://mcsac.fmcsa.dot.gov/> for more details on MCSAC.