School Bus Safety Week - **October 20—24, 2014**

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We should always be prepared for the following adverse weather conditions:

- Slippery Roads
- Limited Visibility
- Vehicles Control Problems
- Extreme Temperatures
- Catastrophic Conditions

Regardless of the weather condition, there are certain things you should always do before you head out on your route.

1. Conduct a CDL pre-trip inspection; make sure all your equipment is in good working order.
2. Check road and weather conditions.

Our Driving Belief: WE ARE THE FIRST AND LAST IMPRESSION MANY STUDENTS HAVE ABOUT SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

SCHOOL BUSES AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Empty seats = Low Student Performance

More than three quarters (76 percent) of parents say if yellow school bus service ceased, the performance of millions of school children would probably decline.

Accordingly, 91 percent of parents agree the yellow school bus is an important factor in making student achievement possible. The parent perspectives uncovered in this American School Bus Council nationwide survey are of heightened relevance.

A majority (57 percent) of parents said they would be strongly opposed to school bus route or bus stop cuts due to lack of funds, with another 20 percent somewhat opposed. Three out of four (76 percent) parents believe that eliminating school bus service would very likely result in large numbers of students being absent more often. That said, school bus transportation budgets are among the first at risk as states and school districts trim costs. Recent examples of cuts over the previous five years include a $2 million transportation budget cut in Colorado's Douglas County, the elimination of 15 percent or 8,500 of Georgia's Cobb County school bus stops and a $3 million budget cut in Hartford, N.Y. affecting 2,000 students.

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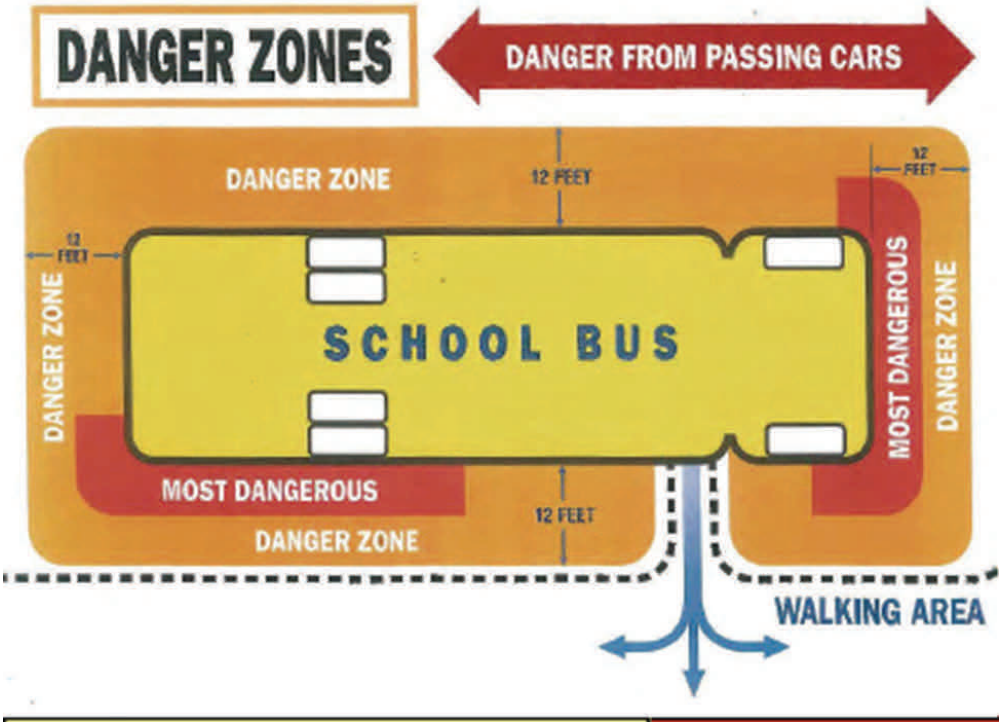
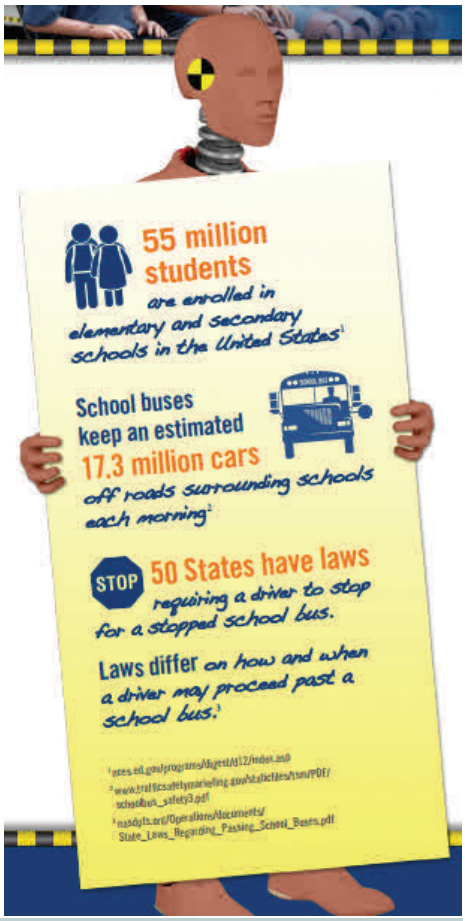
NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

National School Bus Safety Week is an active and evolving public education program is an excellent way for everyone - parents, students, teachers, motorists, school bus operators, school administrators, and other interested parties - to join forces and address the importance of school bus safety. Designed to promote school bus safety, school districts throughout the country have been observing a School Bus Safety Week - held during **October 20—24, 2014**

Our VISION: District of Distinction





Millions of students across the United States are transported by a yellow school bus each day.

SCHOOL BUSES AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

"Through this survey we learned that parents view the yellow school bus as an enabler of educational achievement, a powerful reason to make this service available to as many students as possible," said Bob Riley, executive director of National Association of State Directors of Pupil

Transportation Services and member of the ASBC. "Adding to the concern brought on by school bus budget cuts is the fact that school buses, which service half the nation's 52 million students, have been shown by U.S. government studies to be the safest way for kids to get to and from school and are a more eco-friendly option than cars." Reducing school bus service has environmental repercussions as well. The nation's school bus system eliminates the need for an estimated 17.3 million cars each morning and 2.3 billion gallons of gas annually; in fact, 88 percent of parents indicated this data is an important reason for parents to choose the yellow school bus. In addition to decreasing the overall fuel and traffic savings, budget cuts can limit access to eco-friendly innovations such as hybrid and propane-fueled bus models and emissions-reduction technology.

"The yellow school bus is important to the nation's students for many reasons, but providing kids with access to education on a daily and guaranteed basis proves to be the most valuable reason in the eyes of parents," said Roger Howsmon, chief marketing officer and senior vice president of Blue Bird Corporation and member of the ASBC. "The more school buses on the road, the fewer cars, the less pollution and traffic congestion around schools, and the safer it is for our nation's school children. For full results of the ASBC survey and 2009 industry estimates on the national economic and environmental impact of school buses, visit

www.americanschoolbuscouncil.org.