

National Transportation Safety Board

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Mr. Curt Macysyn
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Association
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Dear Mr. Macysyn:

Thank you for your December 30, 2021, letter regarding Safety Recommendations H-20-15 through -18. We issued these recommendations to the National School Transportation Association on April 21, 2020, as a result of our investigation of the October 30, 2018, vehicle collision with student pedestrians crossing a high-speed roadway to board a school bus in Rochester, Indiana.

H-20-15

Inform your members of the circumstances of the Rochester, Indiana; Baldwin, Mississippi; and Hartsfield, Georgia, crashes, and urge them to minimize the use of school bus stops that require students to cross a roadway (especially a high-speed roadway) and to, at least annually, and also whenever a route hazard is identified, evaluate the safety of their school bus routes and stops.

H-20-16

Remind your members to ensure that school transportation directors and others involved in evaluating school bus routes and stops complete training on how to assess the safety of school bus routes and stops, according to best industry practices.

H-20-17

Advise your members to train their school bus drivers and students on crossing procedures, including the crossing hand signal and the

danger signal, which are to be used when a student roadway crossing cannot be avoided.

H-20-18

Urge your members to continue to coordinate with local law enforcement agencies to conduct educational and enforcement activities aimed at reducing illegal school bus passings.

We are pleased that you distributed our article, "Keeping Students Safe from Motorists Who Pass School Buses," in your newsletter, encouraging your members to improve the safety of school bus routes and stops, strengthen training on student loading and unloading procedures, and intensify efforts to eradicate illegal school bus passings. We commend your organization's ongoing efforts to advocate for student safety in and around the school bus through multiple initiatives, including your support of congressional and state legislative efforts. These actions satisfy the intent of Safety Recommendations H-20-15 through -18, which are classified "Closed–Acceptable Action."

We appreciate your continued actions to improve school bus transportation safety.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Homendy
Chair