



April 6, 2023

Via e-mail to: ExecutiveSecretariat@ntsb.gov

Hon. Jennifer Homendy
Chairperson, National Transportation Safety Board
490 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, DC 20594

**RE: Accident No. HWY21FH001
Report No. HIR-22-06**

Dear Chair Homendy:

This response is in reply to findings and recommendations of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) to National School Transportation Association (NSTA) regarding the above referenced safety recommendations sent to us on November 3, 2022. As you know, these recommendations arose from the NTSB "*Collision Between Service Vehicle and School Bus – Meigs, Tennessee October 27, 2020 Investigation.*" To date, NSTA has thoroughly reviewed the findings and recommendations of the NTSB investigation, and we have completed the following activities in response.

(H-22-25) Inform your members of the need to periodically review onboard video event recorder information to ensure that students engage in safe transportation behaviors on school buses, including sitting properly and wearing seat belts, when available, and that the members use this information to improve the bus safety training provided to drivers, students, and parents.

NSTA has taken two steps to ensure that our members are cognizant of the NTSB crash findings, and that they are also aware of the accompanying NTSB recommendations from this crash investigation.

First, in the January 2023 edition of **NSTA-64** (the association e-newsletter), an article entitled, "*Enhancing School Bus Safety,*" was published and the contents of the article highlighted the recommendations from the NTSB and the value of reviewing cameras footage and event recorders.

A copy of this publication is provided for your review.

Secondly, in addition to the January 2023 article in **NSTA-64**, NSTA highlighted NTSB investigation details and recommendations at our 2023 NSTA Midwinter Meeting. On January 24, 2023 in San Diego, NSTA hosted a panel presentation session entitled "*Cameras can you your friend – Featuring NTSB Meigs, TN Crash Investigation Recommendations.*"

This session was moderated by NSTA Executive Director, Curt Macysyn, and featured three NSTA Vendor Partner Members (REI, Rosco Vision, Safety Vision) - who provide camera and event recording devices and services for school buses. The panel discussion began with Mr. Macysyn providing an overview and summary of the NTSB Decatur, Meigs, TN crash investigation details and findings, and then he further outlined the NTSB recommendations for the program attendees.



The discussion continued with camera service providers on the panel emphasizing the value and importance of increased camera usage in three areas: 1. *Eyes on Student Passengers and the Inside of the Bus*; 2. *Eyes on the Outside of the Bus*; and 3. *Continued Camera Development*.

The panel overview concluded with a lengthy question and answer period in which NSTA contractor members were able to engage with the panelists on the NTSB recommendations and recommended camera use.

In conclusion, NSTA believes that it has successfully completed the requirements set forth in the November 3, 2022 letter to us, and we will continue to provide our membership with relevant information about appropriate camera usage, as it relates to school bus safety.

NSTA thanks you for the opportunity to provide this reply, and please do not hesitate to contact us at 703-684-3200 or via email at info@yellowbuses.org, if you require further clarification on the contents of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Curt Macysyn". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Curt Macysyn
Executive Director
National School Transportation Association

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