

April 1, 2026

Submitted via e-mail to: executivesecretariat@ntsb.gov

Honorable Jennifer L. Homendy
Chair, National Transportation Safety Board
490 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, D.C. 20594

**RE: Accident No. HWY25MH014
Report No. H-25-027**

Dear Chairwoman Homendy:

This response is submitted 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 the organization on October 28, 2025. These recommendations arose from the NTSB *"School Bus Roadway Departure and Rollover – Leander, Travis County Texas, August 13, 2025 Investigation"*.

Please know that NSTA has thoroughly reviewed the findings and recommendations of the NTSB investigation, and we have completed the following activities in response. I also call to your attention that the Board should note the address change that has taken place with respect to NSTA Headquarters.

(H-25-27): Inform your members of the circumstances of the Leander, Texas, rollover crash, the lack of seat belt use by most passengers, and the need for school districts to establish enforceable policies and procedures for seat belt use on school buses so that every student and driver on every school bus equipped with passenger seat belts is properly restrained by lap/shoulder belts or five-point harnesses, as appropriate, on every trip.

NSTA has taken action to ensure that our members are cognizant of the NTSB crash findings and are aware of the NTSB recommendations from the crash investigation.

NSTA sent out direct membership communications on January 6, 2026 and January 8, 2026, as well as on February 20, 2026. The communication distributed via email to members included NTSB's recommendations to NSTA, and details regarding the circumstances of this accident as provided by NTSB's final crash investigation report. Additionally, these communications directed members to read and review a detailed memorandum prepared by NSTA Counsel, outlining the pertinent issues pertaining to the investigation and potential action items by operators.

A copy of both the communication sent via email, and NSTA's formal member memorandum are attached for your reference.

In conclusion, NSTA believes that it has successfully completed the requirements set forth in the October 28, 2025 letter to us, and we will continue to provide our membership with relevant information about appropriate seat belt 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,



Curt Macysyn
Executive Director
National School Transportation Association

Enclosed:

1. **NSTA Constant Contact Communication** – Distributed January 6, 2026, January 8, 2026, and February 20, 2026.
2. **NSTA NTSB Recommendations Membership Letter** – Distributed January 6, 2026, January 8, 2026, and February 20, 2026.