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Dear School Administrator,

The Texas Association for Pupil Transportation is pleased to announce the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual School Bus Safety Speech Contest. The contest is intended to encourage high school students to be conscious of the importance of school bus safety and promote academic achievement. Through corporate sponsorships, financial assistance for educational scholarships and savings bonds will be awarded to the winners.

Students will be encouraged to compose and present an original speech based on the theme "Wheels of the Future: Can the Yellow School Bus Go Green?" Please note that only one participant from each grade level (9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>) per public school district may be registered to participate at the Regional level. A representative of the school district must register the students to assure multiple registrations do not occur within a district. It may be necessary for students to compete within the district prior to official registration for elimination purposes. Deadline for registration is January 29, 2010. No late registrations will be accepted.

Your local Regional Education Service Center will be the host site for the Regional Contest. Regional contests must be completed by March 19, 2010 and the first place winner from each grade level then registered by the ESC representative to participate in the state contest. The state contest will take place in Waco on April 26, 2010.

The enclosed brochure details the schedule of events, contest rules and information, scoring criteria and a registration blank. Please forward this information to all 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers. The Texas Association for Pupil Transportation will be accepting on-line registrations. Go to [www.tapt.com](http://www.tapt.com) then on the left side of the screen select Scholarships, Awards, and Contest Guidelines; then select 9<sup>th</sup> Annual School Bus Safety Speech Contest. You will find this letter and a link to the brochure and on-line registration. Deadline for entry is January 29, 2010.

Should you have questions regarding this contest, you may contact Pam McCurdy at [pmccurdy@esc12.net](mailto:pmccurdy@esc12.net) or [pam.mccurdy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pam.mccurdy@sbcglobal.net). Please do not contact your local ESC with questions. Approximately one week after registration has closed, a representative from the local ESC will contact contestants to announce the date and time of the local contest.

Sincerely,

*Pam McCurdy*

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