

CONVENTION WORKSHOPS

Pennsylvania School Bus Association 2019 Annual Convention & Trade Show

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Pennsylvania School Bus Association

Safely Transporting Pennsylvania's Future

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GENERAL TRACK

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Pastor Reeves

Pastor A.L. Reeves will be addressing how vital the school bus industry is to the lives of our children. Often times, our school bus drivers may be the first smiling face a child sees in the morning but perhaps we can never truly measure the impact that has on a student. Pastor Reeves hopes to shed light and perspective on this and connect how the success of our industry can be yet another facet that will drive the younger generations to brighter futures.

Entry Level Driver Training Requirements - Beverly Peppernick

New entry level driver training requirements are going into effect in February 2020. This two-hour session will provide you with complete information on how these federal requirements will impact your operations and how best to prepare now so you are ready by the February. There is an additional charge for this seminar and pre-registration is required.

Sunday Night Dinner Speaker - Scott Perry

Special this year, Congressman Scott Perry will be speaking on industry related issues that affect your business during the Sunday Night Dinner. There is an additional charge for dinner and pre-registration is required.

Wise and Well - Stephanie Nericcio

Holistic approach to Driver Retention and Owner sanity.

Best Practices in Adult Education - Charles Sameck and Kevin Schofield

Train the Trainer: How to keep learning active and effective. Learn from Expert School Bus Instructors who practice what they preach, keeping technical topics interesting and adult learners engaged and motivated takes a whole host of techniques; make your training more effective as you learn about different teaching methods

Small Contractor Round Table - You and Your Colleagues

We would like to invite you to join Small Contractor Roundtable. This is the third year we are hosting this discussion and the exchange continues to grow and get stronger each year. We want to hear about your biggest safety challenges and help you find solutions. You'll have a chance to discuss challenges you face; received input for new and current products; speak directly with your peers and colleagues about what's working and what can be improved in your operation.

Managing Safety Generations - Gary Gillespie

Your driver pool is changing, and your safety program needs to change for the styles of the incoming generation as well as the existing drivers. Making strategic changes in how you analyze risk, and train drivers will help make the transition for incoming and current staff more effective.

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Safety Grant Award Recipient Personations and Safety Grant Announcement - Allegheny Transportation Services, F & S Transportation, Reliance Student Transportation

In 2018, Keystone and PSBA awarded the first round of Safety Grants to three PSBA members. We are pleased to welcome our grant recipients to the 2019 Annual Convention to showcase their grant projects. Each grant recipient will make a brief presentation discussing the development of their project. During this session, we will also announce the 2019 Safety Grant recipients.

Driver Recruitment and Retention Roundtable - You and Your Colleagues

Your experiences will build this session! Finding and keeping drivers is our industry's biggest challenge! That is why we are gathering together the experts – you and your fellow school bus industry colleagues -- to share your thoughts and experiences on the obstacles and the opportunities faced as contractors seek to attract, hire and retain the best talent to keep our industry moving forward.

The Auditor General was here...

Wendy Mutschler, E&B Transportation; Todd Staub School District Transportation Director Bermudian Springs; Liz Wagenseller, Chief of Staff for PA Auditor General

Each year, the Bureau of School Audits within the Department of the Auditor General audits about 200 school entities. Last year we heard about the nuts and bolt of an audit (see 2018 workshop “State Reporting Requirements” by Smith Bus Company). Join us this year as we dive a little deeper into an interactive debrief alongside a School Bus Contractor and their School District Transportation Director who were audited this past fall; and hear from Liz Wagenseller, Chief of Staff for PA Auditor General who will add AG perspective to the conversation.

Improving the Customer Experience - Lynne Breil, CSP

Our program, Improving the Customer Experience, will focus on Customer Service and Professional Communication. specifically for the school transportation industry who deal with customers and client on a face-to-face basis. Topics will include: “Moments of Truth” in your organization; Body Language and Communication Signals; First Impressions and Initiating Interactions; Communicating to Handle Stressful Situations. This will be a train the trainer format so you can take this valuable information back to your front line drivers and employees who are the face of your company.

Pennsylvania State Formula Reimbursement - PSBA Subsidy Task Force

During the session, members of the PSBA School Transportation Formula Task Force will review the various elements of the formula and they each impact the calculation of the revenue it generates. The status of the formula will be discussed from a legislative perspective and the Task Force will field questions that foster a discussion about the functions and impact of the formula on school districts and contractors.

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Confidentiality - HIPAA/FERPA - Richard Kelly, Esq. and Matthew Jandrisavitz, Esq.

Due to myths and misinformation, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) may create challenges for transportation professionals. Join Rich Kelly and Matt Jandrisavitz from RC Kelly Law Associations as they walk us through an overview of what you need to train your staff, how to communicate to your districts/parents that information will be handled confidentiality and that training is in place; and how to respectfully ask that this important information be shared with your company.

State & Federal Update

FMCSA, PSP and PennDOT will provide important updates relating to Student Transportation.

MECHANICS TRACK

Fire Suppression - Todd Peifer

News about fires on buses makes headlines pretty quickly on social media. This session will review the pros and cons of fire suppression systems on school buses. This will include a review of the types and styles of systems available and the maintenance considerations associated with each system.

The Future is Now! A Look at School Bus Technology - Panel Discussion

Take a ride into the future! The advances of technology continue at a torrid pace and that includes on the school bus! PSBA has assembled a panel to showcase some of the newest technology including remote diagnostics, live camera feeds, front office operations and hotspots. Learn more about how technology can streamline your business, reduce labor strain, maximize time and efficiencies and look how technology can justify the cost.

Webasto Heaters - Paul Hemond & Tommy Smith

Session Attendees will learn the latest about maintenance of fuel fired engine heaters and the potential savings on engine emission repair issues by using a heater rather than idling engines.

Electronic Stability Control - James Titus

Since 2012, electronic stability control (ESC) has been required on all new passenger vehicles in the U.S. under 10,000 lbs. Recently, ESC has become available on many school buses. This session will review ESC technology and what it means for the industry including a look at potential maintenance concerns.

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EL TRACK

EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS

Caring for the Autistic Child - Dr. Jim Ball

This presentation will discuss systematic techniques for working with students with an autism spectrum condition while riding on the bus. It will focus on specific strategies, enhancing motivation, and generalization training. A step by step demonstration will be presented using real life examples. Modifications will be explored that allow this particular program to be effective with students significantly challenged with autism, as well as those students with Aspergers Syndrome. Because of the nature of this presentation, a question and answer period will be provided.

Customizing Evacuation Plans for Students with Special Considerations - Susan Shutrump

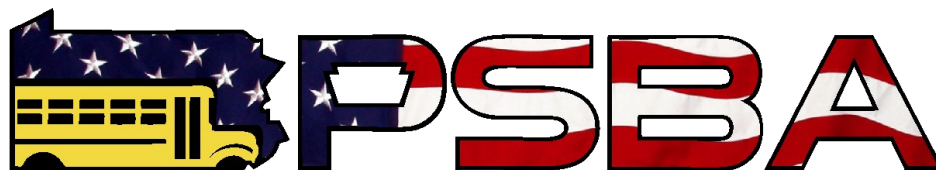
Individualizing evacuation plans for students with special needs takes strong teamwork by those who can best predict how the student may react and what they might need during this stressful event. Effective plans take into account the student's abilities as well as their needs while considering the "whole" child-their communication, behavior, physical development, medical status, ability to process sensory information and cognitive abilities. To bring the plan to life, an honest evaluation of the physical ability of the staff to execute the plan must be considered. This session will explore each of these areas as well as their impact on the evacuation process to give guidance on customizing effective evacuation plans for students with special needs.

De-escalation Procedures - Ed Douglass

This session will provide participants with the basic understanding of behavior and the impact it can have on all the participants, including adult staff. The main points of discussion will be how to manage behaviors, how to recognize and reinforce good behavior. How do we keep students safe on the way to school. And ultimately improve the culture and climate of transportation services.

ERIC Updates

During the 2018 PSBA Convention in Seven Springs, the Exceptional Learners Committee introduced E.R.I.C. to the membership. One year later, learn about the exciting progress that has been made across the state as word about this program spreads. Outreach has led to presentations and now implementation! Find out what's new with E.R.I.C. and how you can deliver this program in your district.



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