

Convention Schedule

Sunday June 23, 2019

9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Gettysburg Foundation - Leadership Outing (Pre-Registration Required)	Carport (North)
10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Convention Registration	Hotel Lobby
10:00 am - 5:00 pm	School Bus Instructor Course - Kevin Schofield & Charles Sameck <i>Pennsylvania School Bus driver Instructor Course is a 20-hour training. Only those registered specifically for this course may attend. Attendee must be present for all 20 hours.</i>	Marriott Dedication Room
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Sponsored Refreshments <i>Refreshments Sponsored by RC Kelly Law Associates</i>	Hotel Lobby
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Family Battlefield Tour - Gettysburg National Military Park (Pre-Registration Required)	Carport (North)
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Exhibitor Set Up	Salon E & F
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Welcome Reception Help us kick off the 2019 Annual Convention. All are welcome!	Outside Bus Display
6:00 pm	Sunday Dinner (Pre-Registration Required) U.S. Congressman, Scott Perry <i>This event is not included in your conference registration fees. Tickets for this event were purchased in advance. Dress for this event is casual and it is recommended to bring a light sweater or jacket.</i>	Outside Event Center
8:30 pm - ?????	Hospitality Suites <i>Blue Bird Bus Sales Rohrer Bus Sales/Myers Equipment Wolfington Body Co.</i>	Salon B Salon A Salon C & D

Monday June 24, 2019

7:30 am - 2:00 pm	Convention Registration	Eisenhower
7:45 am - 8:30 am	Welcome & Keynote (G) - Alfred Reeves <i>Alfred 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. 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.</i>	Salon C & D
8:45 am 9:45 am	Wise & Well (G) - Stephanie Neruccio <i>Holistic approach to driver retention and owner sanity.</i>	Salon C
8:45 am 9:45 am	Caring for the Autistic Rider (EL) - Dr. James Ball <i>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.</i>	Salon B
8:45 am 10:00 am	Webasto Heaters (M) - Paul Hemon & 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.	Salon A

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8:45 am - 11:00 am	Entry Level Driver Training (G) Beverly Peppernick & Dennis Ryan (Pre-Registration Required) <i>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 2020 compliance date.</i>	Salon D
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	School Bus Instructor Course - Kevin Schofield & Charles Sameck	Marriott Dedication Room
9:30 am - 11:00 am	Break Time	Prefunction Area
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Jr. Contractor Session (G) - Alfred Reeves <i>An inspiring workshop geared towards children whose families are in the school bus industry! No registration required, ALL CHILDREN ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! Children must be accompanied by an adult.</i>	Lincoln
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Safety Generations (G) - Gary Gillespie, CSP, CRM <i>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.</i>	Salon C
11:15 am - 12:15 pm	Improving the Customer Experience (G) - Lynne Breil, CSP and John Breil <i>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.</i>	Salon C
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Small Contractors Roundtable (G) - You and Your Colleagues <i>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; receive 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.</i>	Salon A
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Customizing Evacuation Plans (EL) - Sue Shutrump <i>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.</i>	Salon B
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Technology on the Bus (M) - Vendor Panel <i>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.</i>	Salon D

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11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Vendor Meeting <i>Important information for the Vendors during this meeting, make sure to plan to attend!</i>	Outside Event Center
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch For All! <i>Sponsored by Keystone/Nationwide</i>	Outside Event Center
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm	State and Federal Updates (G) <i>FMCSA, PSP and PennDOT will provide important updates relating to Student Transportation.</i>	Outside Event Center
2:15 pm - 5:00 pm	Meet the Vendors and Snacks – Prizes for All! <i>Don't miss the chance to meet all of our vendors. Raffle prizes will be pulled and posted at the PSBA booth during this time!</i>	Salon E & F and Prefunction Area
5:15 pm - 6:30 pm	Exhibitor Cocktail Party Sponsored by All Registered Vendors	Salon E & F and Prefunction Area
6:45 pm - 9:00 pm	Annual Banquet <i>Gold Sponsor - Wolfington Body Company; Bronze Sponsor - PA Bus Sales</i> <i>Join us to celebrate Fox School Bus Service's 50th year of providing student transportation!</i>	Salon A, B, C, D
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Community Hospitality Suite <i>The "Community Hospitality Event" will provide a unique experience to mingle and enjoy the company of customers and friends. The Community Hospitality Suite will be from 9 PM – 11 PM and will include beer, wine, soda, coffee, tea, ice cream food truck, pub snacks and games!</i>	Outside Event Center

Tuesday June 25, 2019

7:30 am - 12:00 pm	Convention Registration	Eisenhower
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast with Annual Membership Meeting - All Welcome! (G) <i>Important for all members to attend. Committee Chairs will present their committee reports and members will elect District Directors to the PSBA Board of Directors.</i>	Salon C & D
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	School Bus Instructor Course	Marriott Dedication Room
8:00 am - 8:45 am	Safety Grant Award Recipient Presentation (G) <i>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.</i>	Salon C & D
8:45 am - 10:15 am	Driver Recruitment & Retention (G) <i>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.</i>	Salon C & D
10:15 am - 10:30 am	Break Time for All!	Prefunction Area
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Fire Suppression on the Bus (M) - Todd Peifer <i>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.</i>	Salon A

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10:30 am - 11:30 am	De-escalation Procedures (EL) -Ed Douglass <i>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.</i>	Salon B
10:30 am - 11:30 am	The Auditor General was here... (G) - Wendy Mutschler, E&B Transportation; Todd Staub School District Transportation Director Bermudian Springs; Liz Wagensellar, Chief of Staff for PA Auditor General <i>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 Wagensellar, Chief of Staff for PA Auditor General who will add AG perspective to the conversation.</i>	Salon D
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Best Practices in Adult Education (G) - Charles Sameck and Kevin Schofield <i>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.</i>	Salon C
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	State Subsidy Task Force Update (G)	Salon D
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Confidentiality - HIPAA/FERPA...and more (G) - Richard Kelly, Esq & Matthew Jandrisavitz, Esq. <i>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.</i>	Salon C
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	ESC (Electronic Stability Control) (M) - Jim Titus <i>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.</i>	Salon E & F
1:00 pm	Board of Directors (Board Members Only)	Salon E & F
2:00 pm - 4:15 pm	Entry Level Driver Training (G) Beverly Peppernick & Dennis Ryan (Pre-Registration Required) <i>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 2020 compliance date.</i>	Salon D

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