



Seatbelt use on school buses is one of the most frequent questions posed to the school bus industry. On November 8, 2015 a press release from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration addressing seat belt use on school buses added an important dimension: seat belts on school buses can save lives, and should be strongly considered.

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/About+NHTSA/Speeches,+Press+Events+&+Testimonies/mr-napt-11082015>

While the data presented is not new, this is the first time the US Department of Transportation is advocating for seat belts on school buses, and the New Hampshire School Transportation Association encourages community stakeholders to read the remarks from Dr. Rosekind as provided in the link.

The New Hampshire School Transportation Association believes that the decision to add three-point seatbelts to all school buses is a local one, and should be made by each community. Because school buses are by far the safest way for children to travel to school, any decision that adds to the cost of a new school bus should be weighed against decreasing access to current school bus riders.

Safety has always been our number one priority, therefore we welcome the opportunity to become a resource for New Hampshire communities as they consider ways to improve student safety."

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