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UPPER DARBY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNERS WITH PA BUSPATROL FOR NEW SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROGRAM

Upper Darby School District school buses equipped with automated photo enforcement cameras to enhance student safety

Upper Darby, PA - The safety of Upper Darby School District students is a top priority. To improve school bus safety, Upper Darby School District has partnered with BusPatrol to launch a new School Bus Safety Program in line with PA Motor Vehicle Code § 3345 starting in the 2024-2025 school year. As part of the program, all school buses that transport Upper Darby School District students will be outfitted with safety technology to make the ride to and from school safer for all. This technology includes photo enforcement cameras to detect vehicles that illegally pass stopped school buses while the stop sign is out, and red lights are engaged and to capture violations and vehicle license plate numbers.

The purpose of this new safety initiative is to curb dangerous driving behavior around school buses to protect our students. Every day, 1.3 million students are transported by more than 21,000 school buses throughout Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law requires motorists to stop at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing and stop arm extended. In its statewide data summary, Pennsylvania's Operation Safe Stop reported more than 250 illegal passes in just one school day in 2021, and reports estimate that state school buses are illegally passed more than two times per bus per day. All in the motoring public play an important role in keeping children safe while on or around the school bus.

In addition to the new automated enforcement technology of Pa BusSafety program, Upper Darby School District buses have been outfitted with other critical safety features, including interior cameras, GPS tracking, and emergency response solutions.

To learn more about PA BusPatrol, please visit the school district website at <https://pa02209738.schoolwires.net/Page/10265>.