
2016 OSBA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

School Boards / Transportation Consortia

SAFETY & REGULATORY CONSULTATION AND ADVICE

Members continue to save time, effort and money from direct, one-on-one access to expert safety and regulatory assistance from OSBA's consultant on a wide variety of issues ranging from driver medicals, licensing, CVOR issues....to child seats, occupant restraints, railway crossing laws, strobe lights, school bus stopping laws, ear buds/headphones, securement of wheelchairs, walkers, skateboards and much, much more. OSBA's exceptional service is available to each and every member – individually or via OSBA webinars!

ISSUE MANAGEMENT

OSBA represents its members' interests and successfully advises government regarding many issues affecting the school bus industry including the following (working list contains 23 active issues):

- Driver Background Checks
- Driver Certification Program (DCP)
- Annual and Semi-annual Bus Inspection Standards
- MTO Inspections and Enforcement
- Red/Amber (8 Lamp) Warning Light System
- Lettering, Logos, Slogans, Emblems on School Buses
- CSA D-250 Standards
- Driver Hours of Service
- Daily Vehicle Inspections
- Driver and Vehicle Licensing
- Changes to MTO Commercial Licence Knowledge and Road Tests

GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY AND PARTNERSHIPS

OSBA speaks for its members with one strong, collective, professional voice. OSBA is highly respected and called upon by government for industry advice, and advocates for all members in an expert manner with the Ministries of Education, Transportation, Government Services, and with numerous other provincial and federal bodies. Competitive procurement has been a major focus of the Board of Directors and OSBA continues to work towards a balanced approach with representatives on the Student Transportation Competitive Procurement Review Report Advisory Committee. OSBA also continues to build relationships with all student transportation organizations across the province and Canada through a variety of ongoing efforts and initiatives.

EDUCATION

- **Webinars** - OSBA conducts webinars to assist in educating and informing members on timely and pertinent safety, regulatory and industry issues and initiatives. These webinars offer learning opportunities to staff of all members from the comfort and convenience of any location - workplaces, boardrooms, training rooms, home offices. These educational opportunities will continue on a complimentary basis in 2016.
- **Ontario Transportation Expo (OTE)** - OSBA, along with its partners OMCA and OPTA, offers the only quadruple bus industry conference and trade show in Canada combining school bus, motor coach, public transit and specialized transit. School bus specific educational workshops are led by accomplished subject matter experts and focus on highly relevant information to help member businesses on a day-to-day basis. OTE provides a unique opportunity for a variety of business connections and to share experiences, expertise and best practices particularly during the trade show. Visit www.ote.ca

PUBLICATIONS

- **Daily Inspection Log Books, Record of Duty Status (HOS) Forms and PMVI Guidebook and Inspection Report Forms** are essential tools for all schools and school board/transportation consortia at discounted member prices.
- **OSBA Newsletter and Important Bulletins** electronically provide the latest issues and trends that impact daily business and the school bus industry. Newsletter distributed to members on a bi-weekly basis.
- **School Bus Ontario Magazine** - Canada's only school bus industry magazine containing articles and expert insight on highly topical subjects that impact student transportation across Ontario. Sent to all members on an annual basis, along with government officials, directors of education and many thousands of other student transportation stakeholders.
- **Membership Directory** - A detailed listing of all members and their contact information for enhanced business connections and opportunities.

2016 MEMBERSHIP FORM

School Boards / Transportation Consortia

Yes! We would like to be a school board/transportation consortia member of OSBA in 2016 and receive all of the benefits listed on the previous pages.

Please review the following information and revise if incorrect:

School Board/Transportation Consortia Name:	
Main Contact Person Name:	
Main Contact Title/Position:	
Address:	
City:	Province:
Postal Code:	
Telephone:	Fax:
Email:	
Website:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes! We have completed/returned the attached industry data form.	

2016 Membership Fee

One, all-inclusive fee for each Transportation Consortia member:

\$575.00 + HST

PAYMENT:

Pay By Cheque (to follow).

Pay By Credit Card as follows:

Name on Credit Card:	Credit Card #:
Expiry Date:	Signature:

PLEASE RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

Ontario School Bus Association (OSBA)
 3401 Wolfedale Road, Mississauga, ON, L5C 1V8
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2016 INDUSTRY DATA FORM

School Boards/Transportation Consortia

School Board/Transportation Consortia Name:

Please review the following information and revise if incorrect:

of Employees in your Consortia Office:

Please list the bus operators currently contracted by your Consortia and the number of vehicles contracted with each service provider (attach additional pages if required):

Contractor Name:	# of vehicles contracted with each service provider

Please list the current school boards within your Consortia:	# of students transported within each School Board:
Total # of Students:	

Year in Review

OSBA's TOP 20

2015 Accomplishments for OSBA Members

1. **40+** meetings and conversations with Minister of Education Liz Sandals and her political staff, Ministry of Transportation staff, the Auditor General and many others, advocating on behalf of all OSBA members, particularly regarding the need for:
 - (a) A fair, open and transparent competitive procurement process.
 - (b) Appropriate and sustainable funding to maintain safe, viable student transportation services in Ontario.
 - (c) Increased driver wages.
 - (d) More open and accountable flow through of funding to school bus contractors.
 - (e) Maintaining appropriate funding during teacher strikes/board lockouts.
2. **Student Transportation Competitive Review Report** – A multitude of meetings, phone calls and document submissions to the Hon. Colin L. Campbell and the Student Transportation Review Team for an improved competitive procurement process.
3. **Daily Safety and Legislative Consultation** and assistance to members on a wide variety of issues such as vehicle safety standards and maintenance, traffic regulations, MTO enforcement, as well as individual employee driver licensing issues arising from DriveTest Centre errors, and delays due to medical issues or background checks.
4. **RFP Workshop** – Provided to assist members with RFP considerations and parameters.
5. **On-Line Webinars** – Highly informative, quarterly webinars covering in excess of 20 safety and regulatory topics impacting bus operator and consortia operations.
6. **25+ School Bus-Related Educational Workshops**, business sessions, keynote presentations and networking opportunities provided at the annual Ontario Transportation Expo (OTE) conference and trade show.
7. **Bi-weekly, On-line Newsletter** with significant news, views and regulatory information not found anywhere else!
8. **School Bus Safety Week and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day Posters** – Adopted from the NAPT campaign, these posters were distributed to all bus operator and consortia members to continue promoting the safe image and brand of student transportation in Ontario.
9. **OSBA and ISBOA Joint Initiatives** – Joint industry and safety issues submissions to government as well as discussions/meetings regarding the future practicality of two school bus associations in Ontario and how the industry is stronger together.
10. **School Bus Ontario Magazine**, full of comprehensive, educational articles distributed to over 6500 relevant industry contacts.
11. **P.R.I.D.E. Recertification Program** – The Professional Instructor in Driver Education (P.R.I.D.E.) Program was approved by the Ministry of Transportation as a certified course provider for a 1-day Recertification Program.
12. **Criminal Background Checks** – Ongoing work with the Ministry of Transportation towards one consolidated check that will satisfy both the Ministry of Transportation for driver licensing and school board/transportation consortia for vulnerable sector searches.
13. **“S” Series Plates vs “B” Series Plates for School Buses** – OSBA is working with MTO on the feasibility of only having S plates on school buses (instead of the current option of using S or B plates) and eliminating the non-school charter restrictions currently attached to an S series 10-month plate.
14. **Markings, Lettering, Logos, Slogans and Emblems on School Buses** – OSBA and ISBOA worked with MTO staff and developed enforcement guidelines to meet the intent of the CSA D250 Standard.
15. **Rail Safety for School Buses at Level Crossings** – Opened dialogue with Transport Canada Rail Safety Branch and MTO regarding this important industry issue.
16. **Eight Lamp (Amber-Red) Warning Light System** – Continued communications with the Ministry of Transportation regarding when Ontario should adopt the eight-lamp (amber and red) warning light system.
17. **CVOR System Changes** regarding “restricted use defects” no longer showing up on CVOR abstracts as “out of service” defects.
18. **Strobe Lights on School Buses** – OSBA initiated discussions with the Ministry of Transportation regarding potential regulations for restrictions placed on the use of white roof-top strobe lights.
19. **Revamping Knowledge Test Questions for B, C, E and F Class Licences** and providing input to the Ministry of Transportation for correct responses.
20. **Amendment to Reg. 199/07** (effective Jan. 1, 2015) to make a defective stop arm or overhead warning light a “minor defect” when a school bus is used on a trip that doesn't require their use.
21. **Amendment to the Highway Traffic Act** – Owners of decommissioned school buses must paint such vehicles (in whole) a colour other than school bus yellow.
22. **Input to Private Member's Bill 50** in support of enabling legislation to allow video evidence to be used by law enforcement to prosecute the owners of vehicles who disobey the school bus stopping law.