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# 2018 OSBA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

## School Boards / Transportation Consortia

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### SAFETY & REGULATORY CONSULTATION AND ADVICE

Members continue to save time, effort and money from one-on-one access to expert safety and regulatory assistance direct from OSBA's consultant on a wide variety of issues ranging from driver medicals, licencing, criminal background checks, CVOR issues....to child seats, occupant restraints, school bus mechanical standards and inspection requirements, railway crossing laws, hours of service rules, school bus stopping laws, securement of cargo in buses and much, much more. This 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 many more 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
- School Bus Occupant Restraints
- Hand-held Two-way Radio Exemption
- School Bus Exhaust Emissions
- Alcohol and Drug Legislation
- CSA D250, D270 and D407 Standards
- Driver Hours of Service
- Daily Vehicle Inspections
- Driver and Vehicle Licensing
- Highway Traffic Act Updates
- Electric School Bus Pilots
- Stop Arm Cameras

### 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. OSBA also continues to build relationships with all student transportation organizations across the province and Canada through a variety of ongoing efforts and initiatives such as the "New Vision for Student Transportation" and "Phase 2 of the Student Transportation Competitive Procurement Review Report (STCPR).

### 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 2018.
- **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](http://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.