

# 2020 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 our Safety and Legislative Team 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 OSBAwebinars!

### ISSUE MANAGEMENT

Members' interests are represented and government advised 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)
- MTO Inspections and Enforcement
- Red/Amber (8 Lamp) Warning Light System
- School Bus Occupant Restraints
- Hand-held Two-way Radio Exemption
- Exhaust Emission Standards and Drive Clean
- Alcohol and Drug Legislation
- CSA D250, D270 and D407 Standards
- Driver Hours of Service and Daily Vehicle Inspections
- Driver and Vehicle Licensing
- Highway Traffic Act Updates
- Transport Canada Task Force on School Bus Safety
- Stop Arm Cameras
- Driver Retention Program (DRP)

### GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY AND PARTNERSHIPS

Ongoing advocacy on behalf of all members with one strong, collective, professional voice. Highly respected and called upon by government for industry advice, the Association supports all members in a proficient manner with the Ministries of Education, Transportation, Government Services, and with numerous other provincial and federal bodies. Advocacy efforts focus on accomplishing student transportation funding sustainability; proficient and transparent competitive procurement practices; industry cost saving opportunities and standardized requirements for service levels; and long term, sustainable solutions that will address school bus driver wages, recruitment and retention. OSBA continues to build relationships with all student transportation organizations across the province and Canada through a variety of ongoing efforts and initiatives.

### EDUCATION

- ✓ **Webinars** - Conducted four times per year to assist in educating and informing members on timely and pertinent safety, regulatory and industry issues and initiatives. These webinars offer learning opportunities to owners and staff from the comfort and convenience of any location -workplaces, boardrooms, training rooms, home offices. These educational opportunities will continue on a complimentary basis in 2020.
- ✓ **Ontario Transportation Expo (OTE)** - 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** - essential tools for all schools and school board/transportation consortia at discounted member prices.
- ✓ **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.