

## **Are you ramping up for your next school year?**

Professional development is the key for you and your staff to stay on top of everything current regarding school bus transportation. Our business grows and changes constantly. A best practice you were using last year may not be the current and best practice this year.

Products for school buses evolve and change, too, as do school buses themselves. If you are a long time veteran of school bus transportation you have seen this evolution. Look at the changes in child restraint products and school bus exhaust systems. The exhaust enhancements make the air coming out of a school bus cleaner than the air going in.

One of the primary goals of this organization is to provide you with the tools to stay current. The recent STAI conference in June was instrumental in this process. As your school year begins, prioritize your time to take advantage of every moment to learn more. These opportunities are often viewed as a challenging interruption in the day to day operation and difficult to incorporate.

You may even think you have nothing more to learn. However, your insight and expertise might just be the comment someone else needs to hear. OR You may be on the receiving end of hearing a comment, insight or protocol to help you do your job better.

Many of you had the opportunity to meet Michael Benedict at our conference in June. Michael is dedicated to growing safety in the school bus transportation industry. Take a look at his public service announcement [here](#).

Keep it safe,

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