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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** School District Superintendents

**FROM:** Suzanne Pridgeon *Suzanne Pridgeon*

**DATE:** January 9, 2026

**SUBJECT:** National School Bus Safety Week Poster Contest 2025-26

The Florida Department of Education (department) is pleased to announce the National School Bus Safety Week Poster Contest, now open for submissions. This year's National School Bus Safety Week Poster Contest theme is "Safe Rides, Everyday Heroes." We encourage students to think about what safety means to them and how they view bus drivers and community members as everyday heroes who help ensure they get to school safely.

Posters should be submitted to the department's School Transportation Management Section by April 17, 2026. Send entries by U.S. Mail or overnight courier to:

Florida Department of Education  
NSBSW Poster Contest Administrator  
325 West Gaines Street, Suite 834  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400

Attached are the official 2025 Guidelines and Entry Form from the National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT), with information on entry requirements and eligibility. Please forward this information to your district schools and encourage their participation in the contest. The poster contest is an excellent opportunity for students to express their artistic talents and engage with the theme of safety in their daily lives.

I appreciate your support in promoting this important initiative. Should you have questions or require further details, please contact Stephanie Rickard at 850-245-9034 or [Stephanie.Rickard@fldoe.org](mailto:Stephanie.Rickard@fldoe.org).

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