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ADDITIONAL
STATISTICS

- 17 million motorists
commit stop-arm
violations each
school year,
according to the
National Association
of State Directors of
Pupil Transportation
(NASDPTS)

- 95,494 illegal passes
were recorded from
a 2019 survey of 39
states conducted by
NASDPTS

- 60% of motorists
passed from the
front of the bus and
97% passed on the
left side of the bus
(stop-arm side)
according to the
NASDPTS survey.

NEWS RELEASE

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SHOW-ME I'M WORTH STOPPING FOR STUDENT CONTEST WINNERS

The Missouri School Boards' Association's Center for Education Safety (CES) asked students to enter the Show-Me I'm Worth Stopping For Contest. K-12 students created videos, audio recordings, and posters educating drivers on the importance of compliance with the school bus stop arm when the bus has stopped. In a state-wide competition, a group of talented students have emerged as the winners of the contest.

The second-place winning entry in the video category came from Karlene S. Hoch a senior at Washington High School in the Washington School District.

"We are thrilled to announce the winners of the Student Video Contest and extend our warmest congratulations to Karlene for her outstanding contribution," said CES Director Amy Roderick. "The video exemplifies the creativity and passion that Missouri students bring to the table in championing important issues."

The second-place winning students will receive a prize of \$500, along with their video being featured on the MSBA website.

The Student Contest is part of a collaboration with the Center for Education Safety and several other collaborating agencies for the "Take 1 for Zero" project, funded through the Missouri Department of Transportation Highway Safety and Traffic Division.

The goal of the project is to make "1" major impact on roadway safety by focusing on school bus stop arm violations throughout Missouri. The act of illegally passing a stopped school bus with red lights flashing is commonly known as a "stop-arm violation". This is a major problem across the country.