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Slow Down for School Buses

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - With some students returning to school for in-person classes, school buses are back on the roads. Motorists, parents and children are encouraged to refresh their memories about how to share the road safely.

Pennsylvania law requires motorists stop at least 10 feet away from school buses when their red lights are flashing and their stop arm is extended. Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm is withdrawn. Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.

Penalties for failure to obey school bus safety laws can result in a \$250 fine, five points on a driving record and a 60-day license suspension.

Parents are reminded to ensure that their children are at the bus stop early to avoid rushing. Students should stay where the bus driver can see them while boarding or exiting the bus.

Click here for more information and tips on school bus safety: http://links.pahousenews.com/q/8KBjj--uyZPm2oTKwG6tGQe5rpZQYoVZ_CAj-n0lwcalx8TqWID9KtyQEB9g.

PennDOT's 'Innovations Challenge' Invites Students to Develop Solution to Ensure Adequate Transportation Funding for the Future

By Sean Brown

Harrisburg, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced today that students in grades 9-12 are invited to participate in the fourth annual PennDOT Innovations Challenge, which encourages students to use their problem-solving, creative and strategic-thinking abilities to solve real-world transportation challenges in a competition among their peers.

This year's Innovations Challenge asks students to develop an innovative and implementable solution that helps address Pennsylvania's transportation revenue shortfall by identifying potential new funding streams.

For complete Innovations Challenge details, visit www.penndot.gov/innovation. The submission deadline is December 18, 2020

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Northampton County's Community Mediation & Eviction Diversion Program

By Becky Bartlett

EASTON - In light of Pennsylvania's eviction moratorium expiring on August 31st, Lamont McClure reminds residents that Northampton County has approximately \$3.6 million available for rental assistance, rapid rehousing and utility payments. The Department of Human Services and the Department of Community and Economic Development, worked together to develop the Community Mediation and Eviction Diversion Program (CMED). CMED offers experienced mediators, emergency financial assistance and rapid rehousing to prevent homelessness.

"Northampton County is ready to assist with conflict management, financial support and education services to resolve eviction disputes and prevent homelessness," says Lamont McClure. "Housing services are free to low-and-moderate income households and owners of rental units housing low-and-moderate income tenants."

Contact Information: For residents who live in Bethlehem, Bethlehem Township, Hellertown and Lower Saucon Township, contact:

New Bethany Ministries at 610-691-5602 x213.

For residents in Easton, contact either:

- Easton Area Neighborhood Center at 610-253-4253 or email Ross Marcus at rmarcus@eastonanc.org
- ProJeCt of Easton at 610-258-1100 x13 or email Michael Banas at mbanas@projecteaston.org

For residents of all other municipalities, contact:

Third Street Alliance at 610-438-1763 or email Ziana Keith at zkeith@thirdstreetalliance.org

For residents who are fourteen days or less away from losing their residence and have either a Notice to Quit or a Lockout Order Notice:

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