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Robert L. Sunwalt, III
Chairman
National Transportation Safety Board
Washington, D.C. 20594

RE: Safety Recommendation (H-19-6), school bus driver requirements

Dear Chairman Sunwalt:

On behalf of Governor Gordon, I have been designated the point of contact within the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) to reply to the recommendation from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) regarding Safety Recommendation (H-19-6). The State of Wyoming appreciates the great safety work the NTSB does for the nation.

The office of the Governor has tasked the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) and WYDOT to work cooperatively with the various school districts within Wyoming to address the recommendation. The Pupil Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC), a committee of various school district representatives and WDE officials has undertaken the issue for review and discussion on how a fitness for duty requirement could be implemented. The PTAC membership consists of local transportation supervisors, mechanics, bus manufacturer representatives and WDE officials. I am participating with the committee on behalf of WYDOT regarding this specific recommendation. Currently an initial discussion of getting the issue before the PTAC has taken place. Recommendation (H-19-6) will be discussed and reviewed over the next 12 months as the PTAC completes its normal cycle of improving pupil transportation in the State of Wyoming. The first meeting with the specific topic of recommendation (H-19-6) is targeted for the first part of October.

The WYDOT structure also includes the Drivers Services program within the Support Services Division. Drivers Services is the licensing agency for the State of Wyoming. Drivers Services program manager Misty Dobson is aware of your recommendation and determined training, physical fitness, testing and licensing requirements at the State Driver Services Program level are being implemented appropriately and in accordance with Federal regulations at this time.

A local school district requirement is the direction that Wyoming is considering for implementation through the work of the PTAC.

Sincerely,

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