

OHIO SCHOOL BUS LICENSE PLATE PROJECT

Please read this very carefully...

We need your help! OAPT has an opportunity to create a school bus license plate in Ohio and need the support of all pupil transportation professionals to make this into a reality.

What do we need? We must collect the signature of 1,000 registered vehicle owners in Ohio. *Your signature on the petition means you intend to purchase one of these plates when they become available!*

Signing the petition is easy. Please print your name. Print your *complete* home address, city, state and zip code. On the next line, print your *complete* area code and home telephone number.

It is *required* that you provide *either* your social security number *or* your current vehicle's license plate number so the BMV can verify you are in fact a registered vehicle owner in the State of Ohio. This information will not be shared with anyone other than BMV personnel.

Last, be sure to SIGN your name.

Here is a sample of a petition block...

<small>Name (Printed)</small> Brian J. Whitta	<small>Address, City, State, Zip</small> 25 S Front St, Columbus, OH 43215	
<small>Area Code and Telephone Number</small> 614-466-4230	<small>SSN or Current License Plate Number</small> 123-45-6789 (or) ABC1234	<small>Signature</small> <i>Brian J. Whitta</i>

After I sign, what happens next? After we collect the required 1,000 signatures, we will approach an Ohio legislator to write a bill formally adopting our license plate under Ohio law. This will allow the BMV to begin producing the license plate and will make them available for purchase.

What is the timeframe to have 1,000 signatures? There is no set time frame. However, the sooner we have the signatures, the sooner we can approach a legislator to move the project forward.

How much does the license plate cost? The license plate will cost an additional \$15.00 each year. The BMV retains \$10.00 for managing the program and \$5.00 from each plate will be returned to OAPT in a special fund for safety-related initiatives (i.e., Buster the Bus, brochures, Safety News & Views). *Think of how much we could do if all 17,000 drivers in Ohio bought the plate?*



Pictured above, a sample of what our license plate will look like.

Why a license plate? The concept of a license plate for pupil transportation in Ohio was started by Brian Whitta at the Ohio Department of Education after learning of necessary repairs for many of the State's Buster the Bus units with no available money to make the repairs. As Idaho successfully began such a project several years ago, conversation took place with the former state director in Idaho and the project was proposed to the Ohio Pupil Transportation Safety Committee.

The Executive Board of the Ohio Association for Pupil Transportation agreed to pursue the project and as a member of OAPT, Brian will be working with the board to move this project forward.

A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL PETITION IS ATTACHED... PLEASE SIGN TODAY

Your support of this project will greatly benefit safety-related projects and initiatives throughout the State of Ohio! Thank you!

Questions? Please ask!

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**OHIO BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES
PETITION TO ESTABLISH ORGANIZATIONAL LICENSE PLATE**

We, the undersigned, wish to have the State of Ohio Legislature consider a bill to authorize the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles to produce specialty license plates designated **Ohio Pupil Transportation**. We the undersigned also do hereby commit to purchase _____ Specialty License Plates from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. We understand there will be an additional cost to the standard license plate fee and also understand a portion of the proceeds will go to the designated fund.

PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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<i>Area Code and Telephone Number</i>	<i>SSN or Current License Plate Number</i>	<i>Signature</i>

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS PETITION, PLEASE CALL:

Circulator of Petition Information: **Brian J. Whitta** Total Signatures: _____
 Name: **Ohio Association for Pupil Transportation** Telephone: **614-781-0570 or 614-519-8037**
 Address: **8050 N. High St., Suite 130** City/State/Zip: **Columbus, OH 43235**

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SCHOOL BUS SAFETY EFFORTS IN OHIO!