



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July 2018

Dear TAPT Friends and Family:

Our theme for 2018-2019 is "*Bridging the Gaps – Improving Education Together.*" During my presidency, it is my desire to bring student transportation to the forefront of the conversation. To achieve this goal, communication will be essential. We will work on a media campaign that can be used by your districts & departments to not only bring public awareness to the great responsibilities your drivers face each day, but also to promote school bus safety in general. We will continue to promote our association to school districts state wide in hopes to spread our vision and increase membership. The next legislative session will commence in the Spring, and we will advocate for effective and productive legislation that will aim to help school districts better support their student's transportation needs.



The Executive Committee will continue to offer exceptional certification courses throughout the year and will work tirelessly to make next year's conference in Dallas one of the best yet. Most importantly, the Executive Committee and I are here to serve you. Never forget you have one of the most vital jobs in your school district – no other employee has a greater responsibility than one in whose hands the physical welfare of a child has been placed.

As an industry leader, it is important that you're taking every opportunity to continue learning and growing. Our industry is progressive; we're constantly evolving and find ourselves facing new challenges on a daily basis. Transportation requires us to be forward thinkers and innovative ideas are essential to our growth as an industry.

We have two days of classes just around the corner, in conjunction with the TASBT Summer Conference, on July 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> which are being hosted by Cy-Fair ISD. There will many more to come throughout the year so please be sure to check the website often. Furthermore, please ensure that you're signed up to be of our TAPT E-Groups; doing so affords you the opportunity to stay in touch and be one of the first to receive the latest news, announcements, and state-wide employment opportunities.

In closing, I wish you all the best. Continue to do great things, make your mark, and make a difference wherever you are.

God Bless you all,  
Amy A. Scopac