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Dear School Administrator,

The Texas Association for Pupil Transportation is pleased to announce the 18th Annual School Bus Safety Speech Contest. The contest is intended to encourage high school students to be conscious of the importance of school bus safety and promote academic achievement. Through our corporate sponsorships, scholarships will be awarded to the winners.

Students will be encouraged to compose and present an original speech based on the theme:

“Red Lights Mean STOP!”

Go to www.tapt.com

On the banner at the top of the screen select “Events”; then select “Speech Contest”. You will find this letter as well as a link to the brochure and on-line registration. Please forward this information to all of your 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students and teachers.

Please note that only one participant from each grade level (9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th) per public school district may be registered to participate at the Regional level. A representative of the school district must register the students to assure multiple registrations do not occur within a district. It may be necessary for students to compete within the district prior to official registration for elimination purposes.

Deadline for entry is 4:00 pm on Friday, January 25, 2019. Registration is to be done on-line at www.tapt.com only. No late registrations will be accepted.

Your local Regional Education Service Center will be the host site for the Regional Contest. Regional contests must be completed by March 07, 2019, and the first place winner from each grade level must then be registered *by the ESC representative* to participate in the state contest. *The Regional ESC Representative will complete and submit the Regional Winners Registration by Friday, March 08, 2019.* The state contest will take place in Waco on Monday, April 29, 2019.

The Overall TAPT State Speech Contest Winner will be invited to present their speech at the TAPT State Conference in Dallas, Texas on Tuesday, July 02, 2019.

Should you have questions regarding this contest, you may contact Pat Garcia at pat.garcia@region10.org. Please do not contact your local ESC with questions. Approximately one week after registration has closed, a representative from your local ESC will contact contestants to announce the date and time of the local contest.

Sincerely,

Pat Garcia

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