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Dear Principals:

In the interest of promoting school bus safety, the Illinois Association for Pupil Transportation (I.A.P.T.) and the Office of the Secretary of State invite you and your students to participate in the annual School Bus Safety Poster Contest.

The goal of this poster contest is to increase student awareness of school bus safety issues. The contest is open to all students in grades kindergarten through 8 and has four grade divisions. Prizes for the winning state posters will be awards of savings bonds in denominations of \$50, \$75 and \$100.

The state winners will be honored at an awards ceremony in Springfield hosted by the sponsors. In addition, a calendar will be created using the posters of the twelve (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place) winners for distribution to all schools in the state. It is our hope that the calendar will serve as a year round awareness of school bus safety.

Enclosed are the official contest rules and entry form, along with a copy of the 2008 Poster Calendar featuring last year's winners. Please distribute this information to the appropriate teacher(s) at your school.

We would like to thank all school principals and teachers for their recognition and support of this school bus safety poster contest. We believe that participation in this activity will increase safety awareness of students and encourage their artistic talents.

Sincerely,

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Jesse White  
Secretary of State

Charles R. Semple  
President, I.A.P.T.

Enclosures