

**G.4a NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Our FCPS bus drivers safely provide nearly 33,000 student rides every day delivering our kids to and from the district's 56 schools; and

WHEREAS, The first and last people our young people see, each morning and afternoon, are our school bus drivers and school bus monitors, and their contributions to the success of our kids and our schools should not be underestimated; and

WHEREAS, Our fleet of yellow buses travel more than 15,000 miles per day and more than 2.6 million miles per year, in darkness and daylight, covering roughly 285 square miles six times each day; and

WHEREAS, The entire Transportation Department bears tremendous responsibility, devising complex routes and schedules, helping families make transportation arrangements, maneuvering traffic in varying road conditions and maintaining the conduct of the children of the bus; and

WHEREAS, The hardworking men and women in the Fayette County Public Schools transportation team are providing nearly 4,000 more daily student rides this year compared with last year; and

WHEREAS, Bus drivers have a great deal of responsibility and must be focused and exact in their work and be sure all details are addressed because they are entrusted with the lives of our children and there is no room for error; and

WHEREAS, During the course of their duties, members of our transportation team work cooperatively with families, schools and students, solving problems and responding quickly and cautiously to unforeseen circumstances; and

WHEREAS, The commitment of Fayette County's transportation employees to safety is evidenced in the 24 hours of formal safety training everyone receives annually and the countless hours of personalized safety training given to each driver and monitor each year; and

WHEREAS, Fayette County's new driver training program has been recognized by the Kentucky Department of Education's Pupil Transportation Division as one of the state's best; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing that school bus drivers and monitors need everyone's help in keeping students safe on the bus, the Transportation Department has provided its Buster the Robotic Bus Safety program to more than 10,000 students last year alone; and

WHEREAS, Fayette County Schools' 219 school bus drivers, 209 bus monitors, and other transportation personnel are totally dedicated to providing safe, efficient, and equitable transportation services, and are an important part of the "It's About Kids" Team.

NOW, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Fayette County Board of Education does hereby join school districts across the nation in designating October 19-23, 2009 as National School Bus Safety Week, and officially recognizes the important contributions the drivers, driver assistants, and other support personnel in the Transportation Division make to the students, staff and families in our school district.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that this proclamation be included in the official minutes of the Board of Education.