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Ohio Superintendents, Treasurers, & Transportation Coordinators:

Ohio's preservice transportation training program is one of the best in the nation, supporting the safe transport of more than 1 million students to and from school and school-sanctioned events every day across the state of Ohio.

To maintain this high level of quality, the state-contracted preservice training providers will be increasing fees beginning next calendar year.

Effective February 1, 2016, the new driver training class fees will be \$85.00, re-certification class fees will be \$60.00, and the van driver fees will be \$60.00. The advanced driver course fee will remain \$75.00.

It is important to note, that while no one wants to increase fees, we have been able to operate the program without any fee increases for 17 years since 1998. Unfortunately, this is no longer sustainable.

The state funding appropriation for this program has not increased over the lifetime of the program and, at the same time, costs have risen and now additional hours of training will be required to meet new federal training requirements.

As a result, the increases are necessary to keep the program operational and to maintain the high quality of training that has made Ohio a national leader in school transportation safety.

If you have any questions, please contact your regional preservice transportation provider, the superintendents listed below, or the office of Transportation within the Center for School Finance at the Ohio Department of Education.

Respectfully,

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