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1) ODE rules proposal update

On August 20 we reported that ODE had released proposed updates to a number of the pupil transportation rules. The rules and the process for providing comments to ODE are posted at the following link: [ODE rules proposal](#)

OSBA will be hosting a meeting to discuss ODE's proposed changes and collect thoughts and comments. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to schoolbus@ohioschoolboards.org. The intent of the meeting is to collect feedback from OSBA's members so that we can offer comments to ODE.

2) Drug and alcohol reasonable suspicion regional class (Northeast Ohio)

OSBA is offering a reasonable suspicion training class in Northeast Ohio. We held a number of these classes in Columbus over the summer. By special request we have scheduled a session at West Branch High School's auditorium on September 25, 2018 at 5:00 PM. The address is 14277 S. Main Street, Beloit, OH 44605.

Register for this class online at: [NE Reasonable Suspicion](#)

Reasonable suspicion training is required by FMCA drug and alcohol regulations for supervisors of commercial drivers, which includes school bus drivers. Most districts benefit from having at least two administrators trained in this program. The class is two hours, and participants receive a certificate of completion.

OSBA will continue to schedule more of these classes through the year. The next offering in Columbus will be on November 29.

3) MTA program – T report class in September

The first class for this year's MTA program is coming soon--September 12 or the 19th (your choice). This class will focus on the state T-reports, which are absolutely critical for your transportation funding. This will be just in time for you to prepare for your T1 reports, since they need to be created during October.

If you sign up for the MTA series, this is just the first class of the year. Classes are held monthly (except for January and May). Registration forms and additional information are available on OSBA's website at: [OSBA Training](#)

If you would rather attend just the T-report class, you can do so by contacting us directly at MTA@ohioschoolboards.org. (We apologize, but online registration is not available for the MTA classes.)

4) Seatbelts on school buses – a good idea or not?

Have you been asked by parents or other members of the community about the safety of school buses? Did you have the answers you needed to tell them about how your buses are designed, and why they do or do not have passenger restraints?

Come join us for a discussion about the design of school buses and listen as we share with you the 'rest of the story' about pupil transportation safety. Our goal in this seminar is not to tell you what is right or wrong, but to give you more information to help you form your own decision about what is best for our students.

This will be a quick session, held from 10-12:00 on October 3 at the OSBA offices in Columbus.

Register online at: [Seat belts](#)

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