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**JAMES ROGAN OF CHESTNUT RIDGE TRANSPORTATION APPOINTED
CHAIRMAN OF NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SCHOOL
BUS DRIVER INSTRUCTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

***Group Meets Regularly to Make Recommendations on Safety Training
For School Bus Drivers, Monitors and Attendants Across New York State***

Chestnut Ridge, NY, September 26, 2012. James Rogan, Director of Safety and Training at the Chestnut Ridge-based school bus company, Chestnut Ridge Transportation, has been appointed chairman of the New York State Education Department (SED) School Bus Driver Instructor (SBDI) Advisory Committee.

A longtime school bus safety advocate, Rogan has been active on the SBDI Advisory Committee since 2009. Created in Education Commissioner Regulations of the State Education Department, the SBDI Advisory Committee is entrusted with establishing a body of pupil transportation safety instructors who meet regularly to advise the department regarding safety-training curriculums for school bus drivers, monitors and attendants across New York State.

“I am honored to serve as chairman of the SBDI Advisory Committee and look forward to sharing my expertise with fellow committee members as we review and develop curriculums aimed at maintaining the highest safety standards. The work we do impacts school transportation professionals throughout New York State whose job it is to ensure the safety of the children they transport each day from home to school and back again. I can think of no other job that carries such profound responsibility as safe pupil

transportation. In New York State alone, more than 2,300,000 children ride school buses each day.”

Prior to his appointment as SBDI Advisory Committee Chairman, Rogan served on the following subcommittees: Curriculum Review (Chairperson); RFP Advanced Course Review; RFP Basic Course Review; and PDS Curriculum Review. His committee accomplishments include the adoption of new pre-service curriculum and new SBDI curriculum.

Situated in Chestnut Ridge, New York, Chestnut Ridge Transportation Inc. provides public school transportation for the South Orangetown, Pearl River, and East Ramapo School Districts in Rockland County, New York, transporting over 17,000 students daily. Chestnut Ridge Transportation is a member of The Trans Group family of companies. Headed by NSTA Hall of Fame member John Corr, The Trans Group employs over 1,300 individuals and operates over 1,000 school and public transit buses in lower New York State. The company is actively involved in the school bus industry on a state and national level.

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