



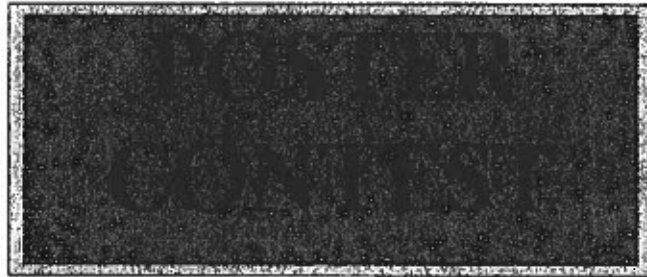
# Suffolk County Legislature



Office of Legislator Tom Donnelly

# OPERATION SAFE STOP

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## Contest Rules

Each participating student should create a poster with the title "Operation Safe Stop." The poster should creatively illustrate the importance of safely stopping when a school bus stops in order to protect children. The winning poster will be used as the cover to next year's brochure.

Please be sure to add the following information to your poster:

- ❖ Name
- ❖ Age
- ❖ Grade
- ❖ School
- ❖ Teacher's Name

\* Please use white poster board or paper no larger than 22" x 30".

**Entry Deadline: Friday, May 31, 2019**

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## PENALTIES FOR PASSING A SCHOOL BUS

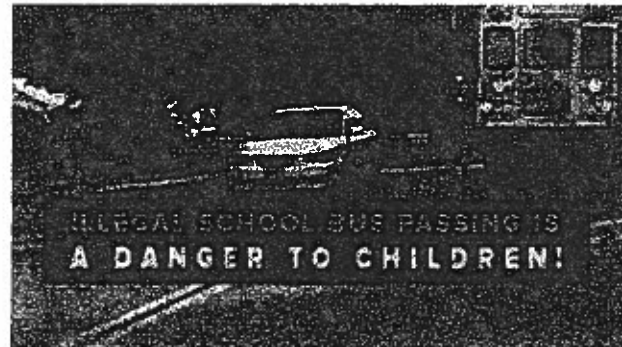
Penalties for passing a school bus can include a fine, 5+ points on your license, possible imprisonment, and, worst of all, the lifetime trauma of hitting or killing a child.

Conviction	Fine	Possible Imprisonment
1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	\$250-\$400	Up to 30 days
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	\$600-\$750	Up to 180 days
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	\$750-\$1,000	Up to 180 days

## WHAT IS "OPERATION SAFE STOP"?

It is illegal and extremely dangerous to pass a stopped school bus when the large red lights located on top of the bus are flashing. Even on divided, multilane highways or school grounds, drivers must stop for flashing red lights.

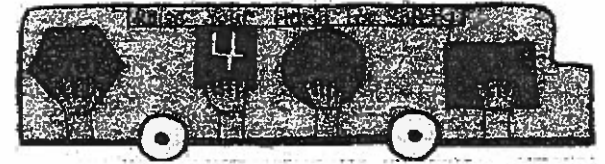
Operation Safe Stop seeks to promote bus safety through education and enforcement efforts.



### DID YOU KNOW?

*An estimated 50,000 vehicles illegally pass New York State school buses every day!*

## "OPERATION SAFE STOP" POSTER CONTEST



The Suffolk County Police Department is conducting an annual "Operation Safe Stop" Poster Contest. Elementary school students are invited to participate in the contest and submit their interpretation of what can be done to protect children and educate motorists about the dangers of passing stopped school buses.

One poster finalist from each school district will be chosen and sent to the Legislator's office where the winner will be decided.

Submit your entry to SCPD's Community Relations Bureau 30 Yaphank Ave. Yaphank, NY 11980

# SUFFOLK POLICE

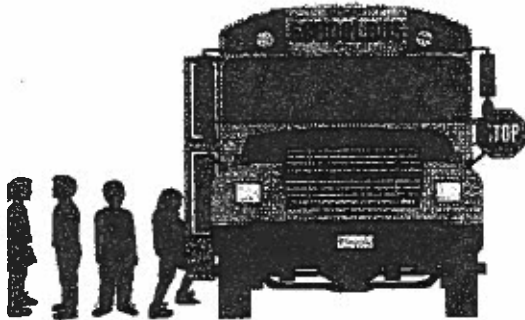
POLICE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, N.Y.  
30 YAPHANK AVENUE, YAPHANK, N.Y. 11980

ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

## Remember:

New York State Law states that drivers must **STOP** when the school bus red lights are flashing, even when the bus is ...

- ✓ On school grounds
- ✓ In a parking lot
- ✓ On a multiple lane roadway
- ✓ On the opposite side of a divided highway



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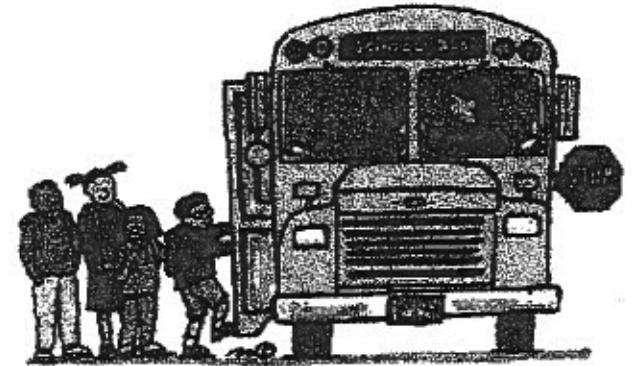
30 Yaphank Ave  
Yaphank, NY 11980  
Phone: 631-852-6109  
[www.suffolkpd.org](http://www.suffolkpd.org)



# OPERATION SAFE STOP

In Collaboration with:

- NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee
- NYS Education Department
- NY Assoc. for Pupil Transportation
- NYS School Bus Contractors Assoc.
- State, County, City and Local Law Enforcements



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