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OF

S.8234 – Marcellino

The CSEA strongly supports this legislation.

This bill would amend the Education Law to require that district-wide school safety plans include policies and procedures to address the safety and security of school buses and school transportation facilities.

School safety plans are a critical component of ensuring that our children are provided with a safe and secure environment where they can grow and learn. Unfortunately, there is no requirement that such plans include policies and procedures relating to school bus safety. Further, there is no requirement that school transportation personnel be included in the development of such plans as part of a school safety team.

Millions of parents across the state put their children on a school bus every morning expecting that their child will be as safe and secure while on their way to and from school as are while they are inside of the school building itself. This bill will help to ensure that policies are put in place to respond to emergency situations on school buses, ensure that students and staff are properly trained on school bus safety, and ensure that the overall safety of school buses and school transportation facilities is given the highest consideration.

This bill provides common-sense changes to school safety plans to ensure that the safety and security of school transportation is taken as seriously as the safety and security of other school facilities.

On behalf of more than 300,000 active and retired, public and private employees across New York State, CSEA strongly urges the passage of this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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