SCHOOL BUS OEMS PREPARING FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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YOUR QUESTIONS?

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Charles Chilton is currently the Director of Product Development for IC Bus and has over 30 years of commercial vehicle product development experience, including more than 20 years in the school bus industry. Charles has held various senior leadership positions in the commercial vehicle industries, including heavy-duty on-highway tractors, school and commercial buses, emergency vehicles, electric vehicles, stripped chassis, and recreation vehicles. His passion for school buses started in high school when he was a school bus driver and continued as a young engineer with a leading school bus OEM culminating with his current role as the head of product development for IC Bus. Throughout his career, Charles has strived to listen to customers needs and provide practical and effective solutions.
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TOPICS WE WILL COVER TODAY

• Similarities between and among OEMs and their customers
• Helping people that ask for help
• Randomized introduction of products as temporary solutions
  • Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) 111, 205, 221, 222 & 302
• Importance of maintenance during the pandemic and before a return to school
TODAY’S AGENDA

• What are you hearing from school districts/school bus customers?
• What market intelligence have you captured over the last month in regards to districts taking measures to prepare buses for back to school?
• Have you seen any districts that have made modifications to their school buses already?
• When looking into solutions for protecting the driver, what are some things that must be considered from a manufacturing standpoint?
• What do OEMs see as the biggest challenge with state requirements for COVID-19?
• What about from an operations standpoint, specifically, keep your school bus clean? Are OEMs able to help customers understand best practices?
• How can OEMs help districts from a policy standpoint?
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