

Comment from John Ramirez

I do not think that this system should be required for any school bus above the 15 passenger size. Any sort of audible or visual alarm for a school bus driver while the bus is in motion will be an additional distraction that will take their attention away from the task at hand: safely maneuvering the school bus. If the visual alarm and/or audible signal is placed for the student to view/hear with no immediate ability for an adult to address the issue, it will just turn into background noise for them and eventually be ignored.

I believe the increase use of high definition cameras in school buses that have the capability of looking down into the seat will be more effective in training students to put their seat belts on. These cameras will provide clear, undeniable evidence that a student is not complying with school rules that parents can act upon. Of course, this means that a student can take their seat belt on or off during the trip but the behavior should decrease as parental pressure increases.