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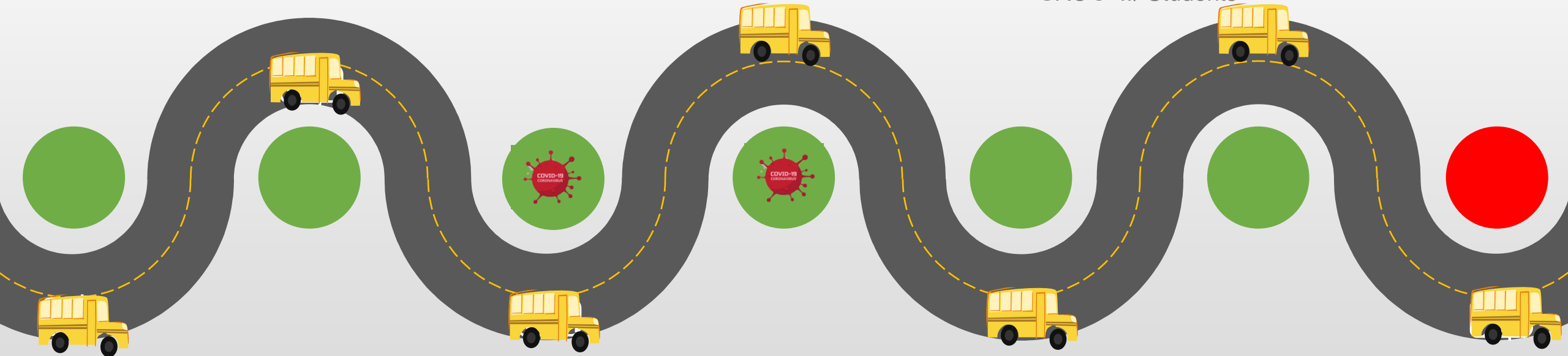
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Hudson schools target drivers who pass stopped school buses



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HUDSON — The school district and police department hope to soon use technology to catch motorists who illegally pass a stopped school bus while it is picking up or dropping off children.

State law requires all vehicles to stop in both directions when a school bus has its red lights flashing and the stop sign on its side extended, except on four-lane roads where only vehicles traveling in the same direction as the bus have to stop.

Steve Marlow, director of operations for the Hudson City School District, said he does not believe there has been an increase in the number of "[bus] red light runners" during this school year, but added, "there are drivers who blatantly disregard the stop arm of a bus."

The district and the police department are planning to use another tool to help them catch drivers who illegally pass a school bus.

Marlow said the district spent \$6,945 to purchase five stop arm cameras and five digital recorders in November.

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January/February 2019



Pass a stopped school bus in Hudson, pay up to \$1,000

HUDSON — City leaders have decided to impose a tougher penalty on motorists who drive past a stopped school bus that has red lights flashing and its stop sign extended.



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City Council on Tuesday voted 6-0 to approve legislation that calls for up to a \$1,000 fine, up to 30 days in jail and a driver's license suspension for up to one year for a first offense. Council President Bill Wooldredge (At Large) was absent.

The previous law (which was in line with the state law) called for a fine of up to \$500 and also suspended a motorist's driver's license for up to one year.

The penalties for subsequent offenses that occur within one year of a driver being convicted of, or pleading guilty to a previous school bus offense are a fine of up to \$1,000, up to 180 days in jail, and a mandatory 30-day license suspension with the option of a suspension up to one year.

Council member Alex Kelemen (Ward 3) said he spoke with Stow Municipal Court Judge Kim Hoover about the city's plan to increase the penalties.

"He was very supportive of that," said Kelemen. "He said had we been willing to make it even stronger, he would've invoked those penalties as well ... He would've been willing to do pretty much anything. He said he would back us. That was good to hear. I look forward to having this in place."

Mayor David Basil thanked council for imposing the stiffer penalties; however, he noted his "only regret is that it wasn't acted upon on Sept. 3, when it could've been."

Basil first introduced legislation at the Sept. 3 council meeting. The initial proposal would have increased the fine for a first offense from up to \$500 to up to \$750, with the potential for up to 30 days in jail and keeping the possibility of a driver's license suspension for up to one year.



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October 2019

Hudson City Council on Tuesday unanimously approved legislation that increases the penalty for drivers who pass a stopped school bus that is picking up or dropping off students. - Photo courtesy of Hudson City School District

(Took effect July 2020)

House Bill 62 Passes in Ohio. This required changes in bus camera installation (2 camera system now needed)

Front license plates no longer required in Ohio

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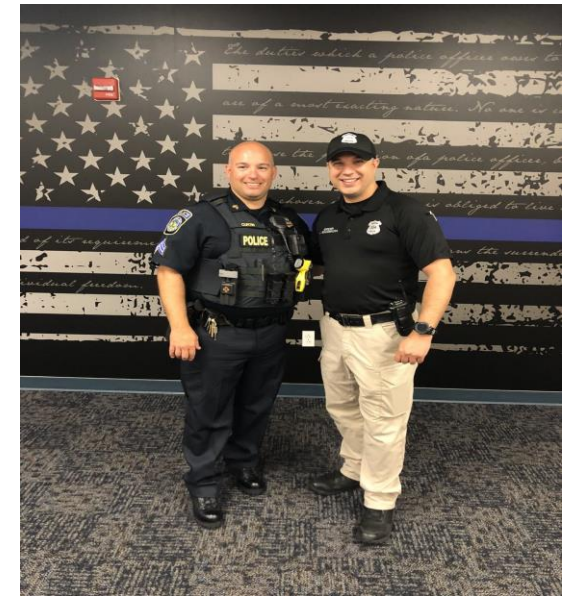
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HUDSON — All buses in the city school district are now carrying an added safety feature. The district and Petermann, Ltd., have equipped the fleet of 53 buses with stop arm cameras that will capture video of a driver violating Ohio's school bus laws governing red flashing lights and stop arms. The new cameras capture the vehicle's license plate, which is then

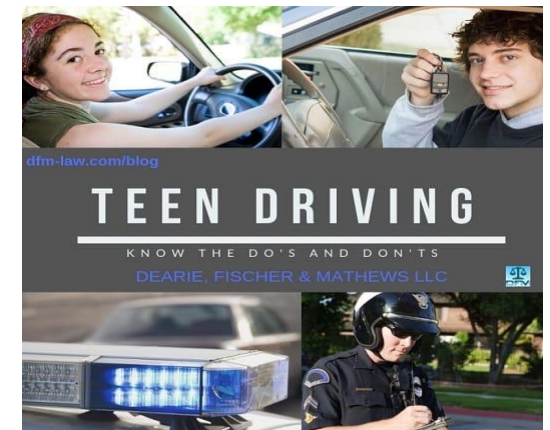


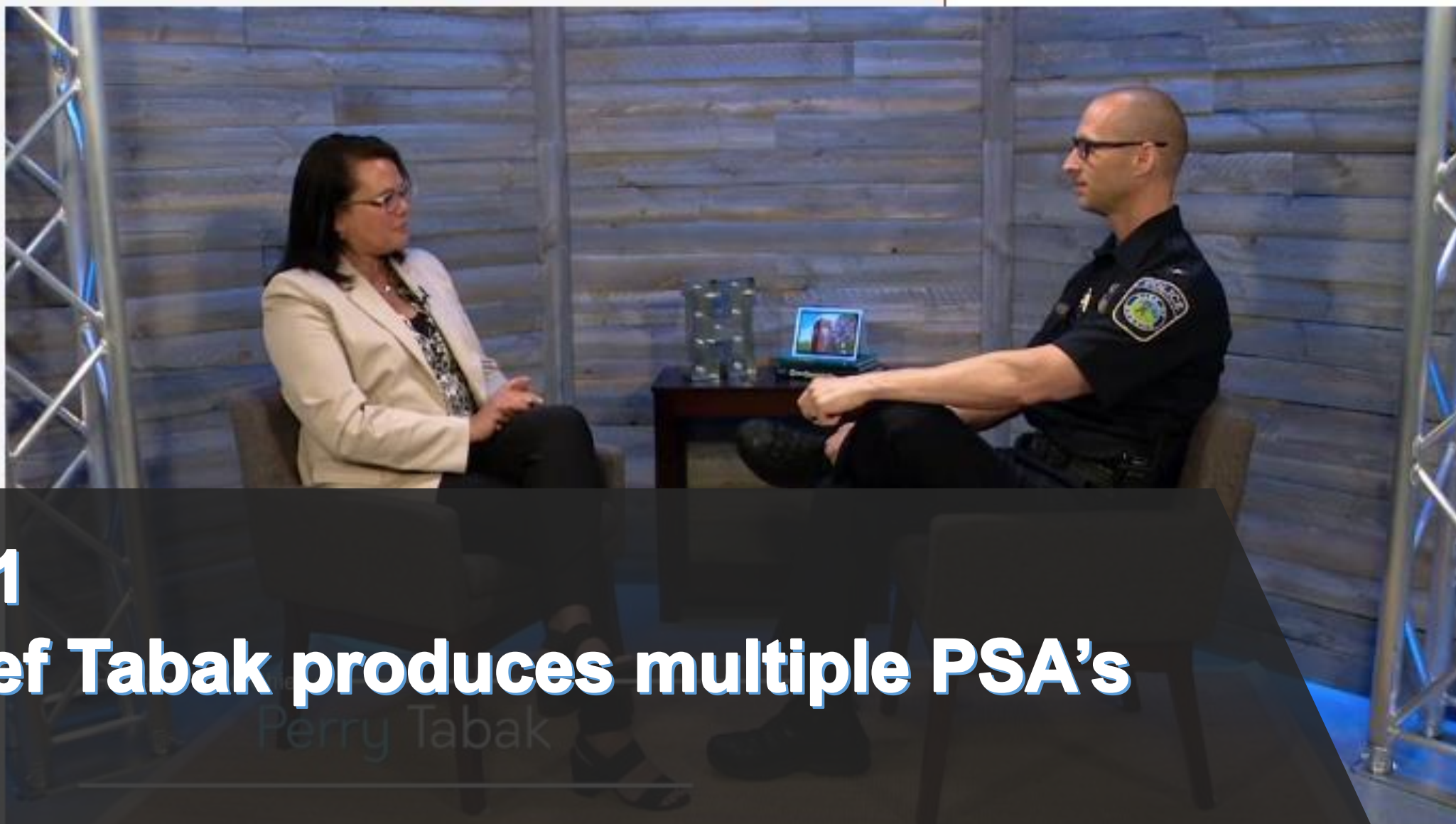
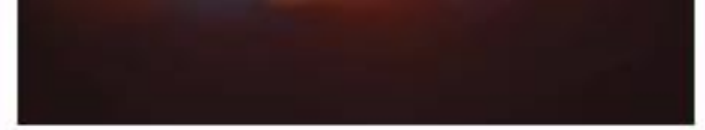
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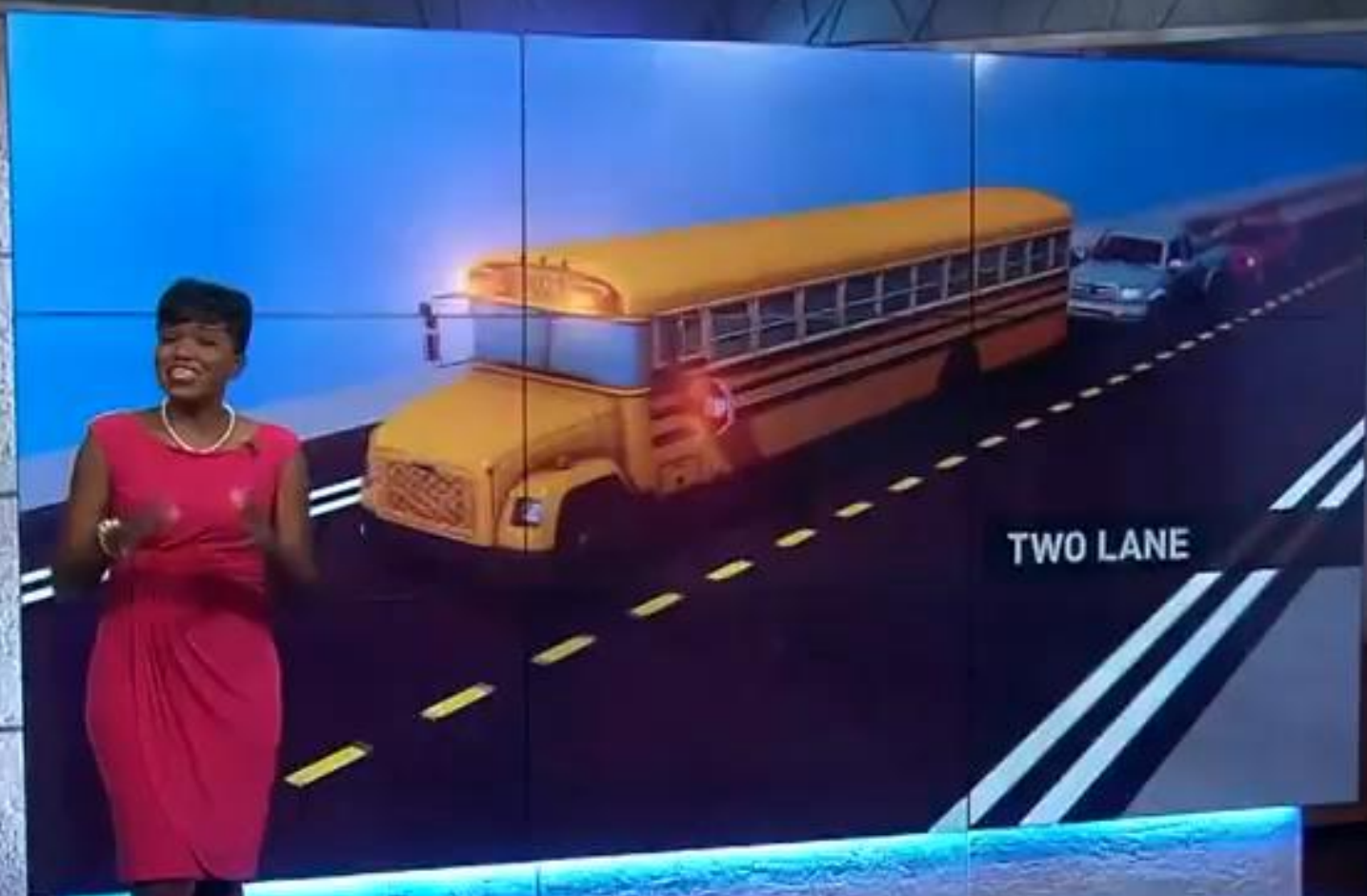
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Chief Tabak produces multiple PSA's

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Report of Violation – School Bus – Stop Arm

Established Procedure(s) updated 2021

1. All Reports from bus drivers directed to one person from HCSD
2. HCSD Reviews Report and forwards to HPD
3. HPD Reviews and assigns to an officer for follow up (citation/warning/etc.)

2021 HPD/HCSO REVISED

REPORT OF VIOLATION OF SCHOOL BUS RED LIGHTS

TO: The Hudson Police Department
36 South Oviatt Street
Hudson, Ohio 44236

FR: Pefermann/Hudson Schools Transportation Department
(address) 93 Oviatt Brown Rd. 5789 Hudson OH
(phone) 330-853-3355
Kimberly Lane, Supervisor
Date sent: 4-17-21

A school bus operator driving for above named school district has reported that a motorist has passed their school bus while the bus was stopped to receive or discharge passengers. (Ref ORC 4511.75 (A))

In accordance with ORC 4511.751 (A), we are reporting the license number and general description to the law enforcement agency of jurisdiction.

Bus Driver Name: REG ZICKEL Bus # 19

VIOLATOR INFORMATION

VEHICLE:
Vehicle License Number #: C J 774 X State: OHIO
Vehicle Make: HONDA Model: CR-V Color: SILVER
Unusual Characteristics: N/A
Video Captured? ☒ Yes ☐ No

DRIVER INFORMATION:
(circle one) Male / Female Young / Middle aged / Old White / Black / Other
Other driver characteristics: None but see driver's

LOCATION OF VIOLATION:
Street or Highway: 5719 YOUNG RD Nearest Cross Street:
Name of City/Village/Township: Hudson
Direction of Bus: South Direction of Violator: South
Date of Violation: 4-17-21 Day of Week: Tues Time: 2:26 am/pm
Traffic: Heavy Moderate Light Weather: Dry Raining Freezing Light: Day Dusk Dark
Additional information:

Please email this form along with the video to: marlows@hudson.k12.oh.us

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WARNING ONLY

On _____ at _____ a vehicle registered to you bearing registration _____ was observed passing a stopped school bus in violation of Ohio Revised Code 4511.751 (Passing Stopped School Bus) at (location) _____.

This notice is a WARNING that future violations could result in prosecution of the offender who, if convicted, is subject to the following penalties:

 **fine and one year suspension of the driver's license of any person who, when required, does not stop for a school bus.**


If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Hudson Police Department at 330-342-1800.

Hudson Police Officer



School Bus Violations

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Reports Taken	16	26	20	7	14	17
Citations Issued	10	6	8	1	2	6
Warnings	6	20	12	6	12	11



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