



# **School Bus Stop Arm Ordinance: Executive Overview**

*Advancing Student Safety Through Strategic Enforcement*

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# Purpose and Legislative Context

- This ordinance is guided by **Public Act 24-107**, of the 2024 Session of the Connecticut General Assembly, which authorizes the use of automated enforcement to deter vehicles from illegally passing stopped school busses.
- This ordinance aims to protect students during bus loading and unloading, when they are most vulnerable.
- This policy supports compliance with state school transportation safety mandates and promotes public trust in the district's safety priorities.





# Strategic Goals of the Ordinance

## Enhance Student Safety

- Promote **change** for risky behavior
- Mitigate risk by addressing illegal pass-bys of school buses

## Support Law Enforcement

- Leverage **automated technology** to aid in identification and enforcement of violations
- Another **tool** to enforce safety

## Drive Public Awareness

- **\$250 fine per State Statute**
- Place **warning signs** on all buses with cameras.
- Educate the community on state law and **safety expectations**.

## Foster Accountability

- Establish **measurable benchmarks** and ensure continuous policy review.





# Ordinance Implementation Timeline

April 2025 –  
Planning & Policy Development

- Draft ordinance
- Legal review

May 2025 –  
Technology Procurement

- Submit to BOA
- Draft & Issue RFP
- Press Conference

June 2025 –  
Vendor Selection

- BOA First Read & Public comment
- Vendor selection

July 2025 –  
BOA Review

- BOA Read
- Public Hearing

August 2025 -  
BOA Approval & Agreement Final  
Review

- BOA Second Read Approval
- Vendor contract review

September 2025 –  
Deployment Training/  
Launch & Enforcement

- Contract execution
- Install stop-arm equipment
- Train staff and NHPD
- Pilot equipment
- Begin enforcement







# What We Aim to Achieve

- **Improve compliance** with school bus laws across the city
- **Reduce violations by 50%+** within the first 12 months of enforcement
- **Increase public confidence** in student transportation safety
- **Establish a replicable model** for other municipalities
- **Align with state policy** while generating enough revenue to make the vendor cost neutral





# Questions?

