

August 7th, 2020

Dear Municipal Stakeholder,

I am pleased to announce that as of **September 1, 2020** the province will be introducing a new regulatory framework which sets out evidentiary rules to govern school bus stop arm camera programs. Municipalities who choose to implement school bus stop arm camera programs will be able to use evidence from camera systems in court without requiring a witness to introduce that evidence. The regulation can be found at the following hyperlink: [Ontario Regulation 424/20: School Bus Cameras](#).

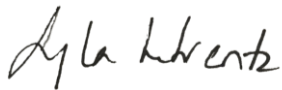
The rules under the *Provincial Offences Act* for school bus stop arm camera programs will mirror those currently in place for automated speed enforcement and red-light camera programs.

In support of municipalities interested in setting up school bus stop arm camera programs in their regions, the ministry has developed the attached guidance document. This document provides relevant information to assist municipalities in developing school bus stop-arm camera programs. The Ministry also encourages participating municipalities to engage in public outreach and education when enacting school bus stop-arm camera programs to maximize safety benefits.

The Ministry asks that you please bring this notice and attached guidance material to the attention of municipal staff responsible for traffic safety. If there are any questions regarding these amendments, please do not hesitate to contact the Acting Manager at the Safety Program Development Office Erik Thomsen at (647)-638-5210 or erik.thomsen@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your assistance in communicating this change and for your ongoing efforts to help improve the safety of students travelling on school buses.

Sincerely,



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Attachment – Municipal Guidance Materials