

Resolution No. 333-2025

By Council Member Conwell

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Strongly encouraging the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to install school bus stop-arm safety cameras that will capture drivers who fail to stop when the bus stop-arm is out and pass school buses that are loading and unloading children.

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, children are at greatest risk for a school bus-related injury when they are boarding or leaving the bus; and

WHEREAS, it is illegal and incredibly dangerous for a vehicle to pass a stopped school bus; when drivers ignore the law and pass a school bus, they risk the safety and lives of our children; and

WHEREAS, a School Bus Safety Program, whereby cameras installed on school bus stop-arms take pictures of the vehicles as they pass school buses that are loading and unloading children, is proven to change driver behavior; and

WHEREAS, such a Program would fine drivers that do not respect the bus's stop-arm signals; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council strongly encourages the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to install school bus stop-arm safety cameras that will capture drivers who fail to stop when the bus stop-arm is out and pass school buses that are loading and unloading children.

Section 2. That the Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Warren G. Morgan, CEO, Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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3/18/2025

