Fourth grade student Dylan Thompson rides to and from school each day in the safest way possible: on the big yellow bus.

DPI staff members work to make sure that Dylan and the other 799,145 public school students who board the buses each day have safe rides, while also saving taxpayers' money.

The work of DPI's eight-member school transportation staff includes:

- Collaborating with the NC Highway Patrol and NCDOT to conduct the annual Operation Stop Arm;
- Partnering with news media to develop the #Brake4Buses PSA and bus safety campaign;
- Ensuring 13,400 buses are inspected regularly to meet current safety standards; and
- Utilizing an efficient budget rating funding formula that has saved the state $120 million over the past 20 years.

How DPI's transportation efficiency funding formula has saved NC money: