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and our country, has long benefitted from.

Today, many associate the holiday with family picnics and summer's last hurrah. This Labor Day, I encourage you to turn your thoughts to the source of the holiday. The American worker – responsible for much of the nation's strength, leadership and freedom – deserves our tribute, especially on Labor Day.

### **New York State Fair Enters Final Weekend**

The New York State Fair – NY's largest annual event – wraps up for the summer this Monday, September 5th in Syracuse. The fair is hosting a number of 2011 Special Days in its final days this coming weekend including Student's Day and Native American Day on Friday, September 2nd.

transporting 2.3 million children to and from school each day. As we begin to see more students outside waiting for their school bus, please keep in mind basic school bus safety.

**When a school bus is preparing to stop, yellow flashing lights warn other drivers. As the bus comes to a stop, the driver activates red flashing lights and the stop sign. New York State law requires drivers to stop when approaching a school bus from either direction when the red lights are flashing – these lights indicate that the bus is either picking up or dropping off students. When traveling in the opposite direction of the school bus, drivers should stop at least 20 feet from the school bus to allow children to cross the road safely. Drivers must stop when they encounter a**