

## **Parents:**

### **Important School Bus Safety Alert**

#### ***HELP US PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN AS THEY TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL***

Certain types of children's clothing can create a hazard as your child exits the school bus. Especially dangerous are:

- **Long, dangling jacket or sweatshirt drawstrings**
- **Long backpack straps**
- **Long scarves or other loose clothing**

Such items can be caught in the bus handrail, door, or other equipment as the child exits the bus.

In recent years, a number of children across the U.S. have had their clothing caught as they left the bus. Several children were dragged by the bus and then killed when the bus ran over them.

Please take the time to check your children's clothing to make sure it is safe.

Also, please talk with your children about these safety rules:

- **Stay away from the DANGER ZONES around the bus.**
- **Don't try to pick up something dropped near the bus – the bus driver might not see you.**
- **Remember that other motorists don't always stop for a stopped school bus – use extreme caution whenever getting on or off the bus.**

***SCHOOL BUS SAFETY IS A TEAM EFFORT  
NOTHING IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN A CHILD'S LIFE***

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