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Dear Parents,

In recent weeks the student behavior on several of our buses travelling to and from school has caused many of our drivers to feel as though they are paying more attention to what is happening behind them, rather than focusing on what is in front of them. The drivers are trying to work with our students to help them to understand that the rules and expectations of the buses are meant to keep everyone safe and allow the drivers to concentrate on the road and surrounding conditions.

The actions described above are coming from a few more students than normal, but still it is a few students in comparison to the number that ride our buses. We are asking that each parent PLEASE remind and stress to their child(ren) the importance of behaving appropriately on the bus to and from school.

As I mentioned above, we are trying to work with students as they make poor choices rather than deliver consequences because we would like all of our students and families to continue to enjoy the opportunity to ride our district's buses. Unfortunately, if these student behaviors continue on our buses, our drivers will begin to enforce the consequences in a more consistent manner. This action will be done to maintain the safety of all of our students as they ride the bus.

Our drivers do an OUTSTANDING job of keeping our students safe and working with our students and parents to make sure that each student understands the rules/expectations of the bus so that all of students continue to enjoy the privilege of riding to and from school on our buses.

To emphasize this concern with our students I personally delivered a reminder to each bus of the importance of behaving appropriately so that everyone is safe. I also reminded them that if choices are made otherwise, the appropriate consequences will be handed out.

If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me or our Lead Bus Driver, Julie Presley (517.764.5778).

Sincerely,

Scott Koziol