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Dear Parent or Guardian,

- 1) PLEASE HAVE STUDENTS AT THEIR STOP 8 TO 10 MIN. EARLY TO ALLOW FOR TRAFFIC IRREGULARITIES.
- 2) Make sure your children know their route numbers (both AM & PM). Route numbers are displayed on buses just to the rear of the service doors.
- 3) Please tag young children with their name, PM route number & your address for the first week of school.
- 4) PM drop off point may differ slightly from the AM pickup point.
- 5) During the school year, due to additions or deletions, route times may be subject to change.
- 6) Durham School Services does use video cameras on buses randomly, based upon request of the school district.
- 7) Please notify Durham School Services if you do not need bussing.

All of us at Durham School Services will work hard to make sure your student has an enjoyable and safe ride to school every day. This means following the safety rules so **everyone** can have an enjoyable ride.

We consider the task of getting your child to school safely a great privilege and responsibility. Our drivers are all certified and screened. They have been trained to drive safely and be respectful and courteous towards your child...his or her safety is our number one priority. Durham School Services' safety rules and regulations **exceed** state and federal laws.

It is important that we work together, as a team, to secure the safety of your child throughout this school year. With the cooperation of parents, schools and us, we can make it happen! Listed below are some expectations for riding the bus you should discuss with your child.

Check off the item after you have discussed it with your child:

It's important for both you and your child to stay out of the bus's Danger Zone....anywhere within 10 feet around the bus. (*If you or your child can touch the bus, you are too close!*)

- Don't worry about getting anything your child may have left on the bus. Anything that is left on the bus will be brought into our customer service center. Also, **never** try to pick up anything you or your child drops underneath the bus....things can be replaced, people can't!
- Make sure your child knows to keep heads, hands, and feet inside the bus.
- Cooperation is critical. We have been trained to get your child to school safe, on time, and ready to learn....but we need you and your child's support and assistance to do so.
- Your child's bus ride is an *extension* of their school day. The same behavior rules apply.

Inspection of clothing:

- Durham School Services, along with the Consumer Product Safety Commission, urges you to shorten cords and remove knots and toggles from your child's clothing. These drawstrings can become caught on the bus's handrails or in between doors as they are closing, posing a safety risk to your child.
- Also, please visit our website at www.durhamschoolservices.com and click on the Safety area and then New Bus Safety Zone in the left-hand column for a fun way to familiarize yourself and your child with the school bus safety rules.

We are looking forward to working with you and serving your child this school year.

Sincerely,

The entire staff at Durham School Services-New Berlin