



November 16, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: School Bus Safety

Out of a concern for our students we are providing the following information regarding safety. Please be aware that Massachusetts General Law Chapter 90, Section 14 provides that operators of motor vehicles upon coming to a school bus or van, with its warning signals activated, must come to a full stop before reaching the bus or van and shall not proceed until the warning signals are deactivated. The stopping of vehicles includes both sides of the street and all traffic unless otherwise signaled by a police officer. This is to ensure the safety of the students loading, unloading and perhaps crossing the street. Failure to do so will result in a fine and repeated offenses will result in a fine and revocation of a driver's license.

The School Resource Officers and the Abington Police Department will be providing an increased focus and presence during student transitions to and from school in an effort to stop careless and reckless drivers violating this law. This will include marked and unmarked police vehicles. The bus and van drivers will also be redoubling their efforts to get the license plate numbers of anyone violating the law.

This communication is being sent to make you aware, help prevent a tragedy and keep our students as safe as possible. The safety and wellbeing of our students is our primary concern.

Sincerely,

Peter Schafer
Superintendent of Schools

David Majenski, Chief
Abington Police Department