



**Maine School Administrative District No. 75**  
**Transportation Department**  
**6 Eagles Way**  
**Topsham Maine, 04086**

Dear Parents and Families of Students of MSAD No. 75,

I'm writing to you to share some news and current happenings within the Transportation Department here at Maine School Administrative District No. 75. Over the course of the first part of this school year, a group of dedicated school bus drivers has come together and developed a safety team. This safety team has been established to promote safety, well-being and positive behaviors on district school buses.

As the school bus is considered a continuation of the classroom, the team has met with school Administrators from each of the five elementary schools and Mt. Ararat Middle School to align their mission with current school practices. It is important to ensure that programs on the school buses follow similar language and understanding of behaviors already being conducted within the classroom to allow for a smooth transition and consistency onto and while riding the school bus.

The group will begin meeting with students at the district schools at times established by the school Administrator. During these times safety presentations about positive behavior and safety rules will be presented to the students that can then be transferred onto the school bus. Each of our school bus drivers has met and discussed the basic rules and safety practices that I will be sharing with you here as well.

**Students should remember:**

- Your bottom stays on the bus seat.
- Your back stays on the seat back.
- Backpacks on your lap
- Voices low (Voice level 0, 1, or 2)
- Arms and legs out of the aisle
- Wait for the bus to stop at YOUR stop completely before standing.
- No eating of food, drink or gum allowed while riding the school bus.
- Students will sit in their assigned grade level seating on the school bus.
- Ensure all activities while riding the school bus are with their seatmate and not others across the aisle or in seats in front or behind the (cards, talking, reading, etc)
- No laptops. No pictures. Electronics with permission only.
- Follow the Drivers directions exactly and immediately.

Lastly, it is important to remind your student that if they have to cross the street at any time on or off the bus, they must wait for the driver to signal them across the street before proceeding across

the street. Vehicles passing a stopped school bus has increased nationwide over the last few years and allowing the driver to ensure that all vehicles have stopped before the student crosses the street is vital. Students should make eye contact with the driver upon the buses arrival at the bus stop, and wait for him or her to signal them across the street once they see it is safe to do so. Students should remain alert to their surroundings at all times while crossing the street, paying close attention to the driver.

**Remember:**

Students who cross the street must WAIT for driver's OK BEFORE crossing the street @ pick-up and drop off.

Thank you for taking the time to talk with your student about these safety rules. It is my belief that we all must work together to make sure that these simple guidelines are followed, ensuring a safe trip for all.

Sincerely,

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