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Re: A school bus safety reminder for families

Dear Ovid-Elsie Families,

Over the past two weeks, our district has received six reports of drivers passing stopped school buses with their red lights flashing. We are working with local law enforcement to follow up on each report. Please take a few minutes to talk with your children about staying safe at the bus stop.

Please remind your children to wait back from the road and stay where they are until the bus driver signals that it's OK to cross. Once the driver gives the signal, students should look both ways before stepping into the road and stay alert as they cross.

Please also share this reminder with everyone who drives in your household, including teen drivers. When a school bus's overhead yellow lights flash, slow down and prepare to stop. On roads with only a painted centerline or no centerline, drivers in both directions must stop at least 20 feet from a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing. Stay stopped until the red lights go off or the bus starts moving again.

Thank you for reminding your children to wait for the bus driver's signal and for helping our Marauders get to school and home safely.

Mark Horak
Superintendent