

## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY



FROM: COMMUNICATIONS  
DATE: 3/29/2019  
RE: BUS STOP SAFETY ANNOUCEMENTS

Below are blurbs addressing bus stop safety that you can use in your newsletters, on your morning announcements and/or social media. In the long term, we will be working on a PSA and other supporting materials that will be ready upon students return to school in August. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. Thank you for all you do for our students!

### *WHILE WAITING AT THE BUS STOP:*

- When waiting for the bus stop make sure you are at least three giant steps, or six feet away from the street.
- Never stand or sit near the street when waiting at your stop. Bus stops are not places to run or play.
- Wear clothing that makes it easy for drivers to see you. Bright colors like yellow, orange and white are great!
- Pay attention to your surroundings. **Put down phones and take out your earbuds so you can hear and see what's happening around you.**
- If a trusted adult (parent, grandparent, friend) has not visited your bus stop lately, ask them to come one morning or afternoon. Introduce them to your bus driver and show them how you stay safe while you wait for the bus!
- If you drop something and it goes near or under the bus, never go get it. Tell your driver so he or she can help you.
- Never walk behind your school bus. If you have to walk in front of your bus, make sure you walk five giant steps, or 10 feet, ahead so your driver can see you.
- Wait until the bus has stopped and the doors are open before approaching the bus.
- Never talk to strangers at the bus stop. Always alert your bus driver as soon as possible if a stranger tries to talk to you or pick you up.

### *WHILE ON THE BUS:*

- Do not speak loudly or make loud noises that could distract your driver.
- Always buckle up!
- Remain in your seat for the entire ride and keep the aisle clear!

Taken from: The American School Bus Council, Consumerreports.org, National Safety Council, Florida Department of Education