



Dear Parents and School Staff,

We are writing to inform you of an **ongoing and serious safety concern** involving vehicles failing to stop for school buses while students are boarding or exiting.

Despite repeated reminders and existing traffic laws, this behaviour continues to occur. Based on documented incidents, vehicles are passing stopped school buses multiple times each month, and at times several incidents have occurred within a single week. These incidents are not isolated and have been observed across different times of day.

All school buses are equipped with flashing amber and red lights, extended stop signs, and onboard video surveillance. The amber lights serve as a warning for drivers to slow down and prepare to stop, much like approaching a yellow traffic light. When the red lights and stop sign are activated, **drivers are legally required to come to a complete stop.** These safety systems are activated every time students are loading or unloading.

When violations occur, clear video footage is reviewed, documented, and reported directly to the RCMP. This matter is being treated with the utmost seriousness due to the significant risk posed to student safety. **Enforcement actions may include substantial fines, demerit points on a driver's licence, and potential impacts on insurance rates.**

Our goal in sharing this information is to ensure that the broader community—not only families with children in school—understands:

- This behaviour is happening repeatedly
- School buses are recording these incidents
- Violations are being formally reported and investigated
- Failing to stop can result in serious legal and financial consequences

We ask for your support in reinforcing the importance of stopping for school buses and speaking with family members and community members about this critical safety issue. A moment of impatience can have life-altering consequences.

Student safety is a shared responsibility, and we appreciate your attention and cooperation as we continue to address this matter.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.

