



I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of school bus safety. The school year has begun and it's the safety of the children that is the forefront of this reminder. Throughout the school year, we routinely get complaints of vehicles passing the school bus with it's 'stop' arm out and red lights activated. We would like to remind you that all motor vehicles must come to a complete stop until the stop arm goes in and the red flashing lights stop flashing. This is an offence under the Traffic Safety Act with an attached fine of \$360 dollars and 4 demerit points from SGI. When the bus is stopped with its lights activated children are either entering or exiting the bus, children are unpredictable and the onus is on us as driver's to ensure their safety. We take school bus offences seriously and will charge based on witness statements, meaning, the police don't have to physically see the offence to lay the charge. We do follow up on every complaint received, and if our investigation yields enough evidence to lay a charge, we will. The children's safety is paramount, and as such, no warnings will be given to those who break this law. Have a safe/great school year and help keep our children safe!

Sincerely,

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