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Brookings-Harbor Voices PSA - Student Safety II

Hello, this is Sean Gallagher – Superintendent of Brookings-Harbor School District here to again remind the public that when you see the red lights flash on a bus, it means STOP!!! When the red lights are flashing, it means that students are either loading or boarding. During this time of day, students are usually excited and may not be thinking about traffic safety, they are anticipating seeing their special friend, or their parents. They may be a little impulsive.

It is up to the drivers of surrounding vehicles to be mindful of flashing red lights and what it means. Blowing past a bus with red lights flashing is not only against the law, it creates a student safety situation that could result in life changing events. During this time of year, it may be dark when busses load or offload students, we are reminding all drivers to be on high alert as busses are making their normal bus routes, transporting our precious students between school and home.

Nationwide, there are over 70,000 students injured around bus stops. Sometimes busses have clear paths to pull off to the side of the road to safely offload or load students, but many times a bus doesn't have a choice but to stop in the middle of the road, turn on their red lights, and load or offload students. When you see the red lights flash, it is not the time to dash, but the time to stop, I mean STOP, watch, be safe, be patient, and be observant of young kids moving around the bus itself.

All busses are equipped with video cameras, if a driver violates the requirement to stop their vehicle when the red lights flash, law enforcement will be contacted.

Thank you to all that help to ensure that Every Student Can Succeed here at Brookings-Harbor School District.