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Dear Buck Families,

As part of National School Bus Safety Week, Buchanan Community Schools would like to take this opportunity to reinforce our commitment to the safety of all students who rely on school transportation. Ensuring every child arrives at school and returns home safely is a shared responsibility between the school, parents, drivers, and students.

School Bus Safety Week reminds us of the importance of safe practices on and around school buses. Here are a few ways you can help promote bus safety:

1. **Arrive Early:** Encourage your child to be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes early to avoid rushing.
2. **Follow Bus Stop Rules:** Teach children to stand away from the curb and wait until the bus stops before approaching.
3. **Use Caution When Driving:** If you're driving near a school bus, please remember Michigan law requires drivers to stop when the bus's red lights are flashing, ensuring our students' safe crossing and loading.
4. **Reinforce Safe Behavior on the Bus:** Talk to your child about remaining seated, facing forward, and following the driver's instructions to ensure a smooth and safe ride.

Our district continues to work closely with the Buchanan Police Department, Berrien County Sheriff's Office, and Michigan State Police to enforce safe driving laws, and we are grateful for their partnership in this effort. By working together, we can ensure the safety of all students.

We invite you to review additional school bus safety tips and guidelines on our website and encourage you to discuss these important safety habits with your children.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring Buchanan's students have a safe journey to and from school every day.

Educationally yours,

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Patricia L. Robinson
Superintendent
Buchanan Community Schools

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