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Dear Families,

We wish to remind all families of the legal requirement to stop for all school buses who have their lights illuminated. This **includes** vans parked alongside our entrance. We understand that the sunlight sometimes makes it challenging to see the illuminated lights, but it is still a legal requirement to stop.

We ask that you **remind all drivers** who may be dropping off/picking up your child(ren) to be aware of this law.

We have included an excerpt from Massachusetts General Law for you on the back of the page. Due to safety concerns, drivers who violate this law may be referred to the Tewksbury Police Department.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Thank you for your continued support in helping keep our students safe.

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Massachusetts General Law- 90-14

When approaching a vehicle which displays a sign bearing the words "SCHOOL BUS" and which is equipped with front and rear alternating flashing red signal lamps which are flashing...and which has been stopped to allow pupils to alight from or board the same, a person operating a motor vehicle or trackless trolley shall, except when approaching from the opposite direction on a divided highway, bring his vehicle or trackless trolley to a full stop before reaching said school bus and shall not thereafter proceed until the warning signals are deactivated, unless directed to the contrary by a police officer duly authorized to control the movement of traffic.

Any person who violates the preceding sentence shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$250; and for a second offense by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000; and for a third or subsequent offense by a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,000.

A second conviction or third or subsequent conviction as set forth in the preceding sentence shall be reported forthwith by the court or magistrate to the registrar who shall revoke immediately the license or right to operate of the person so convicted and no appeal, motion for a new trial or exceptions, shall operate to stay the revocation of the license or right to operate; provided, however, that no license or right to operate shall be issued by the registrar to any person convicted of a second such offense until 6 months after the date of revocation following said conviction or to any person convicted of a third or subsequent such offense until 1 year after the date of revocation following said conviction; and provided, further, that if the prosecution against such person has terminated in his favor the registrar shall forthwith reinstate his license or right to operate. No person shall operate a motor vehicle within a distance of 100 feet behind a school bus.

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