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Dear Crestwood Parents,

The safety of our students is a primary concern of the Crestwood School District. To improve student safety, surveillance video cameras will be installed in most of our school buses during the winter break and will be functional on January 3, 2011. The cameras will record images and sounds. The recordings will be used to monitor student behavior and to verify behavior reports made by bus drivers, students, parents and community members. We believe that the cameras will improve student behavior on our buses and allow our drivers to focus on safely operating the bus.

The transportation manager, bus driver(s), principal(s) and designated district administrators will be authorized to view the video for the purpose of reviewing reported behavior incidents and to determine which student(s) may have been involved. Disciplinary action may be taken with students based on video documentation.

The district will follow student privacy rights created under FERPA and the privacy laws of the State of Michigan. The parent(s)/guardian(s) of a student directly related to an incident and being disciplined based on the review of a video recording may view the isolated segment of the video for the student who is being disciplined, but only to the extent that such a review does not violate the privacy rights of other students(s).

Please remember that riding school buses is a privilege -- not a right. Students who do not comply with bus regulations will lose their opportunity to ride Crestwood School buses.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Laurine VanValkenburg, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools