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Memorandum

To: Members, Board of Education

From: Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent

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RE: Seat Belts on School Busses

Seat belts on busses, or actually the lack thereof, can become a highly emotional issue for parents because it involves the safety of their children. At your work session, I will present a slideshow that summarizes both sides of this issue and gives a history of required safety features on school busses as well as the results of safety studies that have been performed after the safety features were required.

The good news is that with all of the required safety features, riding the bus to school is by far the safest mode of transportation for students. As a result of these studies, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has decided not to require seat belts on school busses.