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Dear Parents,

The new school buses that MISD ordered in September have been delivered. We are asking for your help and support of new rules associated with these new vehicles. With all 2018 year models, all school buses are required to be equipped with three-point seat belts. Riders must have their seat belt buckled when they ride a vehicle with seat belts. This rule, [S.B.693](#), was passed by the legislature during the 2017 legislative session.

Whether on a route or on a field trip/activity trip, students will be required to buckle up for safety. (See the [Bill Analysis](#) for more information.) Our drivers' primary job is to operate the bus in the safest possible manner and they take this very seriously. Our students must also share some of the responsibility by buckling up and remaining buckled up. The driver's eyes must be on the road and road conditions, first. Please encourage your child to assist the bus drivers with this very important safety feature.

Consequences

Route Buses

This letter informs parents and students of the school bus seat belt procedures.

- Student's 1st offense of not buckling up – Student will receive a warning from the driver and parent will receive a Notice of event.
- Student's 2nd offense – Student will be removed from bus privileges for 2 days. Parents will receive Notice of this consequence.
- Student's 3rd offense – Student will be removed for the remainder of the six weeks unless the offense occurs during the last week of the six week reporting period. In this case, student will be removed for the remainder of the current six weeks and the entire next six week reporting period.

Consequences

Field Trip/Activity Trip Bus

- Students will be informed of the new "buckling up and staying buckled" rule.
- If a student does not buckle up or removes the belt during transit, the student may not be allowed to ride to future field trips or activities. Specific discipline measures will be administered by the campus principal and/or activity sponsor.

Thanks for your assistance with this important safety matter and thanks for your support of the Muenster Independent School District.

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