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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School Superintendents, Public School  
Academy Directors, and Nonpublic School Administrators

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *CW*

SUBJECT: Transportation News

**End of Route Student Checks:**

The State Board of Education (SBE) approved a pupil transportation best practice, End of Route Student Checks, at its May 9, 2006, State Board meeting. The Pupil Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC) recommended this best practice to the SBE.

The SBE recommends that all school transportation providers and school boards implement a written policy that requires a system for ensuring that, after completion of each bus route, children are not left on the school bus. The policy is available at [http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530\\_6569\\_38338---.00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_6569_38338---.00.html).

**Michigan School Bus Safety Week:**

The State Board of Education approved a resolution at its June 13, 2006, meeting, declaring October 15-21, 2006, as Michigan School Bus Safety Week. Each school day, over 17,000 dedicated bus drivers supported by transportation directors, mechanics, aides, and secretaries provide safe transport to more than 850,000 Michigan students. The yellow school bus is an icon of safe transportation staffed by drivers who take a personal interest in each student. School bus drivers are the first and last school employees students see each day. They help begin a productive school day with a smile, and deliver the students back to their parents in the evening. School bus drivers and transportation support staff are an important contributor to each school district's learning program.

A copy of this Resolution can be downloaded by going to:  
<http://michigan.gov/mde/>, click on "State Board of Education," then click on "Resolutions," and click on "Michigan School Bus Safety Week Resolution."

Questions regarding the above may be directed to Dwight Sinila at 517-373-1806.

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