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Subject Line: School Bus Safety Program Launching in Gloucester County Public Schools

Dear Parent,

Gloucester County Public Schools is proud to announce that we've joined a new School Bus Safety Program to keep our students safe on and off the school bus.

As part of the program, school buses that transport Gloucester County Public Schools students will be outfitted with safety technology to make the ride to and from school safer for all. This technology includes stop-arm enforcement cameras designed to detect vehicles that illegally pass stopped school buses while the bus's stop sign arm and red lights are engaged. Authorized approvers then review the footage to determine whether to issue a violation by mail.

At Gloucester County Public Schools, the safety of our children is a top priority. Earlier this month, the National Association of State Director of Pupil Transportation (NASDPTS) announced the rate of school bus illegal passing is at an "epidemic level," with motorists illegally passing stopped school buses an estimated 41.8million times a year. Over time, this safety initiative seeks to curb dangerous driving behavior around school buses.

In addition to the enforcement technology, our buses will be outfitted with other important safety features, including interior cameras, GPS tracking, and an emergency response panic button for bus drivers to alert school officials in the event of an incident.

All this technology has been provided at zero cost to the school district or taxpayers as the program is entirely and exclusively violator funded.

If you would like more information, we invite you to visit <https://gets.gc.k12.va.us/>