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Subject: Bus Safety Partnership (BSP)

Dear K-5th Grade Parents and Students,

On November 17, 2009 the Marietta School Board approved expansion of our Bus Safety Partnership initiative to elementary grades beginning January 2010. This partnership was first initiated for grades six through twelve at the beginning of this school year. The program has been very successful in improving student conduct on the school bus. The BSP emphasizes increased responsibility from students, parents and their driver.

The basic BSP contract is attached for your preview. The contract outlines the rules and expectations for students to ride a Marietta City school bus. Also included in the contract is information about the incremental consequences for non-compliance. The BSP contract must be signed by both the parent and the student and returned by the deadline established by the driver in order to maintain bus riding privileges.

Drivers will begin handing out contracts upon your student's return to school on January 6, 2010. You will have five school days to review, sign and return the contact to your student's driver.

On behalf of the transportation department, the superintendent and the school board it is our hope this initiative will ensure each student a more safe and enjoyable ride to and from school. With the support and cooperation of our students, parents and drivers we can make it happen.

Sincerely,

**Mike Cochran
Director of Transportation**

Cc: Superintendent and staff; Elementary principals; All Board Members, Transportation Staff