

# Forest Hills School District

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## COLD WEATHER TRAFFIC SAFETY

Fellow Rangers,

The onset of cooler weather and the potential of frozen precipitation can be a challenge for drivers and students at the bus stop. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of several important cold weather driving safety tips. Please consider the following:

- The speed limit on the school grounds is 15 MPH.
- When the School Zone traffic lights are flashing, the speed limit on Locust Street is 15 MPH within the school zone.
- Please observe caution driving around the school buildings and grounds as school activities are occurring. Look for pedestrians.
- Please observe caution when approaching a school bus and always respond accordingly when the flashing lights are activated.
- Be cautious when passing bus stops.
- Be mindful of reduced visibility with snowy conditions.
- Be respectful of school crossing areas and zones.
- When experiencing mixed winter conditions drive slowly, give yourself extra time, and increase your following distance.

Additionally, there are several safety precautions that you can take to ensure a safe wait at the bus stop and a smooth bus ride to and from the school:

- Bundle up accordingly for the colder weather and changing weather forecasts.
- Give yourself extra time to get to the bus stop and to return home from the bus stop.
- Take precautions such as standing a little further back from the road or curb when waiting for the bus.
- Encourage your child to remain seated on the bus until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Encourage your child to not move towards the oncoming bus until the bus has come to a complete stop and the lights are flashing.
- Encourage your child to use the bus handrails when entering and exiting the bus.
- Encourage your child to follow the bus rules and not cause distractions of the bus.
- Be patient if your child's bus is a few minutes late getting to the designated bus stop. The bus drivers are doing everything they can to ensure everybody gets to school safely.

I thank you in advance for reviewing these safety tips and for sharing these items with your child as appropriate.

Thank you,



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Superintendent of Schools