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Crestwood School District Launches School Bus Safety Program

Dear Crestwood Comet Families,

The Crestwood School District is proud to announce the start of a new School Bus Safety Program in partnership with local law enforcement and in line with PA Motor Vehicle Code § 3345.

As part of the program, all school buses that transport Crestwood 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. The police department then reviews the footage to determine whether to issue a violation by mail.

The safety of our Crestwood students is a top priority. Pennsylvania's Operation Safe Stop reported more than 250 illegal passes in just one school day in 2021, and reports estimate that state school buses are illegally passed 2.18 times per bus per day. Crestwood is no exception. Over time, this safety initiative seeks to curb dangerous driving behavior around school buses.

In addition to automated enforcement technology, our buses will be outfitted with other critical safety features, including interior cameras, GPS tracking, and emergency response solutions.

All this technology has been provided at zero cost to the school district or taxpayers as the program is 100% violator funded.

The School Bus Safety Program starts on December 12, 2022.

If you would like more information, we invite you to visit https://buspatrol.com/

Sincerely,

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