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A BIG THANK YOU to all School Bus Drivers, SBD Instructors, and Director’s of Transportation for making sure Illinois children are transported to and from school safely 😊

Tidbits

Public Act 94-0600 went into effect 6-1-05. You can view the full text (Section 20 F 3 b) at: http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=094-0600&GA=094

This Public Act changed the mandatory school bus drill from two to one annually. HB 1476 introduced by Representative Rich Brauer this year would amend the School Safety Drill Act and provide that schools must conduct a minimum of 2 bus evacuation drills (instead of one) during each academic year. It went to the House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee on 2-27-07.

Transportation Related bills that have been introduced in the 95th General Assembly

To view each bill listed below, go to: http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/default.asp

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Websites worth checking out:

http://www.americanschoolbuscouncil.com/

http://www.lovethebus.com/

Dates and locations for the annual training planned for Certified School Bus Driver Instructors will be announced in the next newsletter, May 1, 2007.

If you are looking for an initial or refresher course for your school bus drivers and none are available in your area for whatever reason, there is an internet web site at www.jarss.org (Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools) and you will need to click on Bus Driver Training to look for a class nearest. YOUR Regional Office of Education (ROE) will need to be notified if you or any of your drivers will be taking a class in another area.

School Bus Driver Requirements can be found at:  
http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/092/09201035sections.html

Independent School Bus Drivers (those that are not employed currently, but want to keep their permits up to date) can contact “SAFE RIDE” at 217-782-7674 for information.

DID YOU KNOW FACT?

In 1956, Thermo King became the first company to air-condition a fleet of city buses. Source: School Bus Fleet – September 2006)

QUOTE

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.
- Mother Teresa

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If you have any information or subject you would like to see in the newsletter, please email me and let me know. Thank you!

REMEMBER……………………..

Pupil safety is our first priority……..make sure it is yours.