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Dear Parent:

As the student transportation provider for the Barrington Public Schools, I would like to thank you on behalf of the First Student team for the opportunity to serve your family and community. We are committed to providing safe transportation and excellent service, and are proud to serve the communities in which we live and work.

At First Student, the safety and security of the six million students we transport each day is our core value. First Student employs highly trained drivers who are committed to providing your children with safe and reliable transportation. We conduct comprehensive background checks on our drivers to ensure we hire the top candidates and regular re-checks are conducted throughout an employee's tenure with the company.

Our buses offer a number of safety features such as Child Check-Mate[®], an electronic reminder system designed to ensure that a child is not left unattended on a bus, and GPS systems, which allow us to pinpoint each bus' exact location at all times. We also perform regularly scheduled and ongoing vehicle maintenance checks to ensure our buses are in top operating condition. Our school buses follow a stringent daily, monthly and annual vehicle maintenance program in addition to the multi-point inspection each driver conducts prior to beginning each route.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, school buses are approximately 13 times safer than passenger cars and nearly ten times safer than walking or biking to school. Despite the fact that school buses are one of the safest forms of transportation on the road today, we encourage you to review school bus safety tips with your children to make the journey to and from school even safer. For tips on back to school safety from First Student and the National Safety Council (NSC), visit www.nsc.org/back2school.

First Student is committed to delivering a high standard of safety and service. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you, and will strive everyday to provide the safest transportation possible. We look forward to partnering with the Barrington Public Schools for many years to come. Thank you.

Regards,

Francisco Monteiro
Location Manager
First Student, Inc.