

Dear Parent,

The most dangerous time of your child's school day is traveling to and from school. That is why it is important that parents teach their children the rules of safely riding the school bus.

Through my office's Toby Tire School Bus Safety Program, we reach thousands of schoolchildren each year with our school bus safety message. Toby Tire is an animated robot who talks to kids about how to be safe in and around a school bus.

As successful as we have been in spreading the message, **we still need the support of parents to ensure that our kids get to and from school safely every day.** I encourage you to take a few moments to sit down with your child and review the school bus safety tips on the back of this flyer.

We can't be with our children every minute of the day, but we can teach them how to be safe when we are not there.

Jesse White

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Secretary of State



TOBY TIRE'S SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

Arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus arrives.

Stay three giant steps from the roadway while walking to the bus stop.

Stay away from strangers. Let your driver know if a stranger tries to pick you up.

Once on the bus, stay in your seat and talk in your "inside voice."

Stay away from open windows and never put anything out the window.

Remain in your seat until it's time to get off the bus.

When getting off the school bus, make sure backpacks and clothing don't get caught in the door.

When crossing the street, make sure you can see your driver's eyes and wait for your driver to motion you to cross.



**For more information on the Toby Tire School Bus Safety Program or to request Toby Tire Coloring Books, please contact:
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