



**A Message
from the
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**SCHOOL BUS
SAFETY**

She liked school a lot, stayed for after-school, and rode the activity bus home. Just two weeks and a day before Christmas in 2007, in the little town of West Hamlin in Lincoln County, **Haven McCarthy, a beautiful 6 year old child**, got off the bus and crossed the road to her house. **She was killed when the driver of a van ran through the STOP SIGN of the school bus.**

In a few weeks some **32 big yellow buses**, and a number of other contract buses will transport nearly **2000 students to and from school**. If you drive a vehicle during morning or evening hours, **YOU WILL encounter school buses.**

Remember to slow down during these

times and be prepared to stop. Buses are equipped with **bright flashing lights and a BIG RED STOP SIGN** to protect boarding and exiting.

New laws are in place that impose **mandatory fines of \$150 up to \$500 for running a bus stop sign**. A person could also get **up to 6 months in jail** and a suspension of his/her drivers license. **If a child is seriously injured, there is a mandatory 1 to 3 years in prison.**

Please watch for our buses and protect our children. In fact, don't wait until September. We already have activity buses, funded by our excess levy, running all summer.

Thank you for your time and support.

