

# Waterford Schools Transportation Department

## Winter 2011-12

As we settle into the winter season, we would like to remind everyone of the importance of being extra careful around school buildings and bus stops. As inclement weather approaches, please exercise extra caution around schools and bus stops. **As always, please review the safety rules with your children and have a plan in place in case of delays or closures.**

### WINTER SAFETY TIPS

#### DO

- Leave some extra time in the morning to get to your bus stop.
- Wear bright clothing so you can be seen.
- Dress properly.
- Remember your book bags and keep all papers inside.
- Look carefully before crossing the street. Cars driving in snow will be focused on the snow and ice.
- Stand away from where the bus stops. Buses need extra room to stop when there is snow and ice.

- Walk directly away from the bus, do not stand and linger and play in the snow.
- Keep a safe distance from the bus.

#### DON'T

- Play in the snow while waiting for the bus.
- Throw snowballs at the bus or anyone else. Slide on ice patches or driveways or in the street.
- Push or shove around the bus stop. Someone could slip on the snow and ice and slide under the wheels of the bus.

### Emergency School Closings

In the event of inclement weather, school closings will be announced on the following: TV Channels: 2, 4, 7 and 22; Radio Stations: WJR 760 AM, WWJ 950 AM, Channel Q95.5 FM as well as the district web site at <http://www.waterford.k12.mi.us>.

### Bus Delay Information Available

Parents, students, and staff have available the latest information about Waterford School District transportation delays via a customized software program. **Comcast Channel 22**, the District's educational cable channel shared with Waterford Township, as well as the district web site at <http://www.waterford.k12.mi.us> will display messages when a bus is delayed 20 minutes or more due to traffic, inclement weather or mechanical difficulties. The message will contain the bus number, route number, and building name. Residents in the community may view Channel 22 only if they have cable television.

**Parents should have a transportation contingency plan in place so students know what to do in the event of delays.**

### Minimizing Health Risks for Students with Life Threatening Food Allergies

Food allergies can be life threatening. The risk of accidental exposure to foods can be reduced if we all work together to minimize risk and take measures to provide a safe environment for food-allergic students.

Several buses have signs reminding students that there is "NO EATING ALLOWED ON THIS BUS". These buses transport students with food-allergy restrictions and it is critical they are kept clean. If your student rides one of these buses, they will not be allowed to have food out of their backpack or bring food items on, such as treats for parties. These restrictions must be strictly adhered to and we appreciate everyone's compliance to help minimize risk.