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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Morgan County School District Transportation Department has been recognized repeatedly by the Utah Highway Patrol as having one of the safest public school bus fleets in the state. We congratulate our Supervisor Mike Shope and his staff for their hard work and dedication.

Near the end of the 2010-11 school year it was brought to my attention that while our buses are mechanically safe, there may be some issues with student behavior on those vehicles. In discussing the concerns with several parents, administrators, and the Morgan School District Board of Education members, it became clear that the district needed to develop and implement a more comprehensive and workable Transportation Student Management Plan.

Enclosed you will find the plan and a timeline for implementation. You will notice that it describes the responsibilities and expectations for administrators, bus operators, students, and parents. Also included is a copy of our Safe Schools Policy and Notice of Unsatisfactory Conduct on School Bus form. Would you please read these documents and review them with your school age children?

Generally speaking, we are asking students who ride the bus or who are transported in other district vehicles to adhere to the same behaviors expected of them at school. Students who create an unsafe environment on the bus should be dealt with in a timely and judicious manner.

As is the case in most school environments, the vast majority of our students are safety-conscious and respectful to others. This policy is designed to assist those who may make an occasional error in judgment to re-direct their actions in a more appropriate manner. Students who consistently cause disruptions or refuse to comply with district expectations will be removed from the bus temporarily or in some cases permanently.

Thank you for allowing your children to attend the schools in our district. They are wonderful young people and we look forward to serving them throughout the school year. Your support of this new Transportation Student Management Plan is appreciated.

Respectfully,

Kenneth G. Adams