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### **School Bus Safety Week Serves As Reminder To Drive Carefully**

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—The week of Oct. 22-26 is being recognized as National School Bus Safety Week and Dripping Springs ISD asks all drivers to join the effort to provide a safe environment for bus riders by observing school bus laws and displaying courtesy to buses and bus riders.

National School Bus Safety Week is an active and evolving public education program and an excellent way for parents, students, teachers, motorists, school bus operators, school administrators, and other interested parties to join forces and address the importance of school bus safety. Dripping Springs ISD drivers transport approximately 2,200 students between home and school each day, and buses collectively drive more than 4,000 miles each day.

"Dripping Springs ISD is proud to have many wonderful drivers on staff who put the safety and well-being of our children first every day," said Director of Transportation Pam Swanks. "However, we need the cooperation of all drivers in our community and ask that they respect bus safety laws, both near bus stops and on roadways."

"A good rule of thumb is -- when you see a yellow school bus -- expect children to do the unexpected!" she added.

Safety tips for bus riders are available on DSISD's Transportation Department website: <http://www.dsisdtx.us/bussafety>.

Dripping Springs ISD also reminds drivers that it is illegal to talk or text on a cell phone in active school zones.

