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Dear Ann Arbor Public School Parent,

It is that time of year again when parents and children are preparing to go back to school. The City of Ann Arbor and the Ann Arbor Police Department want to help you be safe and successful getting your student(s) to and from school. Here are some safety tips we should all follow when returning to school this September:

1. Be alert for posted school speed zones (25 mph) and obey the posted speed limit.
2. Watch for traffic control signs that may prohibited your ability to turn left or right when entering or exiting your school drop off zone.
3. Watch for school buses. Red flashing lights and an extended stop arm indicate the school bus is stopping to load or unload children. State law requires you to stop and wait until the bus has turned off their red flashers.
4. We have 19 different locations across the city staffed with Crossing Guards. Always stop for a Crossing Guard holding up a stop sign and remain stopped until that Crossing Guard has cleared the intersection. Again, state law requires you to stop, failing to do so can result in a misdemeanor citation, a trip to court and a hefty fine.
5. Do not block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light, waiting to make a turn or when parking. This forces pedestrians to go around you and potentially put them in the path of moving traffic.
6. Never pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk or in a school zone.
7. Parents follow your schools designed drop off and pick up procedure(s). Do not stop and unload your child in traffic, even if the traffic has stopped for a traffic light or other reason.
8. Do not double park on the street or in the parking lot.
9. Do not unload your children on the street side; always unload on the curb side.
10. Supervise young children waiting at the bus stop, walking or biking to school.
11. If your child is walking to and from school, provide them with bright colored clothing so motorist can easily see them.

When returning to school this fall, remember PATIENCE is the key. We all have somewhere to be, but showing a little patience while waiting in line can go a long way. Lastly build in an extra five or ten minutes during drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon. Our schools are busy places and you may need the extra time.

Let us work together and make back to school safe for our children this fall.

Sincerely,

Officer Jamie Adkins

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