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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 13, 2007

**TO:** District School Superintendents

**FROM:** Linda Champion

**SUBJECT:** Transportation Safety Instructions for Parents and Students

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) and Florida's school districts and charter schools are committed to the safety of Florida's students and schools. Ensuring access to learning requires that students get to and from school safely, regardless of their mode of travel. Students often walk, bike, or ride to and from school or the bus stop on their own or with parents, guardians, or others.

[Rule 6A-3.0121](#), Florida Administrative Code, requires districts and charter schools to inform parents, guardians, and students at least annually in writing of their own responsibilities for safe travel to and from school or the bus stop and their homes. To assist schools in fulfilling this responsibility, the FDOE offices of School Transportation and Safe Schools have developed the enclosed brochure, "Are We There Yet?: Staying Safe Between Home and School." This brochure offers tips to parents, guardians, and students on how to stay safe, especially when the students are not with school officials who can help protect them.

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The brochure offers safety information in the following important areas:

- Tips for School Bus Riders
- Tips for Riders in Cars, Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs), and Trucks
- Tips for Walking and Bicycling Safely
- Student Conduct and Bullying Prevention
- Protecting Children from Sexual Offenders and Predators
- Resources and Information

The print specifications for this brochure that are needed for local printing are enclosed. This specific brochure is only one tool available to parents and students.

In order to ensure safety of students, regardless of their mode of travel, districts and charter schools are encouraged to convey local safety information and policies to parents and students. Thank you for your efforts to ensure the safety of students throughout the coming school year and beyond.

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Attachment: Are We There Yet? (brochure)  
Print Specifications

Cc: Safe Schools Directors  
Safe and Drug-Free Coordinators  
Transportation Directors  
Charter Schools