



Lockwood School District #26

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Dear Parents:

Lockwood Schools are committed to providing your children with the best education possible. Part of this mission is a focus on the safety and security of your children not only when they are here on campus but also while they are being transported from home to school and back. In order to address this goal, our Board of Trustees has done extensive research on bus safety and made the commitment to replace our current buses with newer models that include three point harness restraints for all riders. In conjunction with our contracted transportation provider, First Student, we will be putting these new vehicles into service on all of our routes during March and April as they become ready for use. This will make Lockwood Elementary only the second school district in the state of Montana that has seat belts on all of its school buses. These new buses will also have an upgraded video monitoring system that will be used to monitor student behavior and driver safety practices. Each bus is also equipped with several seats that include booster seats to make sure our smallest riders are safely fitted into the restraints. All of these upgrades were done in a manner that will have a minimal financial cost to our taxpayers.

In conjunction with this safety measure, we ask that you discuss the importance of safety belts with your children. All students that ride our buses will be expected to be seated and buckled in at all times while the bus is in motion. Any students that do not comply with this rule will be subject to disciplinary measures for bus behavior as outlined in your child's Student Handbook. We ask that you as parents and guardians work with us as a school to support this policy and our focus on keeping all of our students safe.



Please contact your child's principal or me if you have any further questions or concerns regarding this change.

Go Lions!

Tobin Novasio
Superintendent
Lockwood Schools

