Dear **(Editor/Publication)**:

This week is National School Bus Safety Week, but for Teamster school bus drivers and monitors, school bus safety is a priority every week. Every day we work hard to get our kids to school and back safe and sound. We pledge to keep our students safe and do our part to ensure that the highest safety standards are met. We call on **[Bus Company Name]**, the school district and every community member to make that same pledge.

School bus drivers and monitors have a few safety words of wisdom to offer to our community and for parents to tell their children who ride buses to school:

1. Be on time.
2. Never run to or from the bus.
3. Stand back from the curb.
4. Don't get on the bus until the driver says it is safe and ask the driver for help if you need help getting on.
5. Once on the school bus, go directly to your seat, sit down and stay in your seat.
6. Don't yell, shout, push or shove.
7. Obey the driver and monitor.
8. While leaving the bus look around for cars before walking away and wait for the driver's signal before crossing.
9. Always cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus so the driver can see you.
10. Do not wait at the bus stop alone.

Many children in our community begin and end their school day on a bus driven by one of our professional Teamster bus workers. Our members are proud of the role they play often as teacher, caretaker and even friend to the students they transport. We are fully committed to the health and well-being of the young people in our community.

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters has fought successfully across this entire country to improve safety in the school bus industry. But the more voices that are calling for safety and accountability, the better it will be for students and bus workers. Bus safety is a serious issue, our students deserve the best and we can help deliver it to them.

I encourage readers to do their part in ensuring that students in our community are provided with a safe and healthy ride to school.

Sincerely,

(Name/Town of Residence)