



## SCHOOL SAFETY BULLETIN

### “IF YOU DRIVE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL, OUR STUDENTS’ SAFETY COULD BE IN YOUR HANDS”

Serious safety concerns, created by some parents who drive their children to school, continue in the vicinity of numerous schools throughout Durham Region.

Drivers often park or stop in “No Parking” or “No Stopping” zones, double park, make ‘U’ turns, block driveways, park in the school bus loading zone or park facing the wrong way on the street. Of particular concern are those drivers who stop in signed “No Stopping” zones, to discharge or pick up students. This action not only is contrary to law but it also creates a very unsafe situation as students often must walk across the street, through moving traffic, to reach the school grounds.

Drivers committing these violations are not simply disobeying the law, but are placing school children at risk of injury. To ensure the safety of our students and minimize the potential for conflict with cars, specific parking regulations are provided in the vicinity of schools, within Durham Region.

Due to the serious nature of the concerns noted above, please be aware that By-law Enforcement Officers will continue their enforcement of the parking and stopping regulations in the vicinity of schools.

To advise you where you may park when driving your child to school, the following information is provided:

#### No Stopping Zones



- i may not be used for the purpose of picking-up or dropping-off of school children.
- i are established in a limited number of locations, where the stopping of a vehicle will create a traffic hazard, congestion or interfere with the use of a school crossing.
- i minimum fine for a stopping violation is \$25. However, fines of up to \$125 have been imposed. If you drive-off before a ticket is issued, the By-law Enforcement Officer may have a court summons issued for the registered vehicle owner to appear in court!



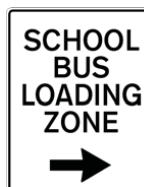
#### No Parking Zones

- i may be used for the pick up or drop-off of school children, provided this action is actually occurring.
- i do not permit a vehicle to be parked while drivers wait for their children.
- i minimum fine for a parking violation is \$20.

#### School Crossing Zones



- i you cannot stop or park within this zone for any reason including the pick-up or drop-off of students.
- i sightlines for students crossing the street must be maintained. Drivers who stop within a school crossing create serious hazards for these children. School patrollers are not allowed to step into the roadway to watch for traffic, so vehicles stopped in this area make it very difficult for the patrollers to see approaching cars.



#### School Bus Loading Zones

- i used for the exclusive use of School Buses or vehicles under contract to Durham Student Transportation Services (DSTS)
- i you cannot stop or park within this zone for any reason including the pick-up or drop-off of students.
- i minimum fine for a parking violation is \$30.

To Provide For The Safest Movement Of Our Children Please Consider The Following:

- i Walk your children between home and school.
- i If you must drive, park in areas where you can legally park
- i Do not use the school driveway for the discharge/pick up of students unless authorized by school authorities.
- i Do not use private driveways for vehicle turn around or student discharge purposes.
- i Car pool with other parents.
- i Obey all traffic signs.
- i Obey school bus flashers.
- i Most importantly, be observant of children when you are driving in a school area.

**“YOU CAN BE PART OF THE SOLUTION BY FOLLOWING THESE SUGGESTIONS”**