

# **EARLY CHILDHOOD BLOCK GRANT**

**The Center: Resources for Teaching and Learning**

*Serving Children Ages 0-5 and their families living within School Districts 15, 23, 25, 26 & 57*

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Parents of ECDEC Children**

**FROM:** Kristen Ford, ECDEC Project Director

**RE: Meeting Children at the Bus**

With the cold winter months upon us, we thought it was a good time to remind parents of the importance of being on time to meet their child(ren) at the bus after school. As you know, for safety reasons children will not be released to anyone other than a parent/guardian or another adult who has been authorized by the parent. If no one is present to meet a child at their bus stop, he or she must remain on the bus until the remaining stops are made, and then is returned to the school while the parent is being located. This can be very long and upsetting process, especially if the child's teacher has already left the building and there is nobody there that he or she knows or feels comfortable with.

In an effort to prevent this type of situation, you are strongly encouraged to arrive at the bus stop 15 minutes before the actual time your child is expected. It's understandable that the weather at this time of year can sometimes make traveling difficult. Even non-weather related incidents can occur and delay your planned arrival at the bus stop. By leaving home early and giving yourself plenty of time, whatever delays you may encounter are much less likely to result in missing your child's bus.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. It is greatly appreciated by the bus drivers, the school personnel, and most especially, your children!