

# BACKtoSCHOOL

2013



STATE SENATOR

**JOE  
HUNE**

SENATE DISTRICT 22

**TOLL FREE** 855.JOE.HUNE

**E-MAIL** senjhune@senate.michigan.gov

**VISIT** www.SenatorJoeHune.com



Use the QR reader on your smartphone to go directly to [www.SenatorJoeHune.com](http://www.SenatorJoeHune.com)



## DEAR FRIEND:

With summer coming to a close, I know many families eagerly anticipate the start of school. Along with seeing friends and teachers, there is so much to learn, do and experience.

All of us - parents, teachers and neighbors - share a commitment to our children's academic success. By working together, we can provide our kids with the best education possible and help them succeed and achieve.

I hope this Back to School report is informative and useful. Best wishes to all those beginning a new school year!

Sincerely,

## Time to brush up on **BUS SAFETY RULES**

### STUDENTS:

- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.
- When on the bus, find a seat and sit down.
- Never put your head, arms or hands out of the window.
- When getting off the bus, wait for a signal from the bus driver before crossing the road.
- Stay away from the rear of the bus at all times.
- And remember, when crossing any street, **STOP**, look left, then right, and then left again before crossing.

### MOTORISTS:

- When the **YELLOW** overhead lights are flashing, prepare to stop.
- Flashing **RED** lights on a school bus mean one thing—**STOP**—at least 20 feet from the school bus. Remain stopped until the flashing **RED** lights are turned off or the bus resumes its travels.
- When the **YELLOW** hazard lights are flashing, move with caution.

**It is not necessary to stop for a school bus stopped on the other side of a divided highway where the road is separated by a barrier, such as a concrete or grass median, island, or other structures that separate the flow of traffic.**

# HOW IS YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT PERFORMING?

Find information on your school, including student performance, graduation and dropout rates, K-3 class size and much more. Visit <https://www.mischooldata.org> and click on *Dashboard and Accountability Scorecard*.



STATE SENATOR

## JOE HUNE

P.O. Box 30036  
Lansing, MI 48909-7536

PRSRT STD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
LANSING, MI  
PERMIT NO. 1200

## HUNE: OUR STUDENTS MUST BE SAFE

Our schools must be a safe haven for learning.

I recently supported legislation to help prevent tragedies before they happen by creating a 24-hour anonymous student tip line and website. The OK-2-SAY hotline will allow students to phone, email or text a message to law enforcement about planned violence in their school.



In many cases of school violence, someone is aware of the dangerous plans or activity. The hotline program encourages students to report information to authorities to protect our children from harm.

## PROTECT KIDS FROM UNWANTED, INTRUSIVE ADS

In today's digital world, many parents want to shield their children from inappropriate advertising on their electronic devices.

You can register your family's e-mail addresses, instant messenger IDs and mobile phone numbers at the Michigan Children's Protection Registry. The free do-not-contact service helps protect kids from receiving messages for an adult service or product, such as alcohol, tobacco, pornography or gambling.

Find more information and access the registry at

[www.protectmichild.com](http://www.protectmichild.com).

## FREE RESOURCES

The start of the school year provides a great opportunity to reach the leaders of tomorrow. My office maintains a collection of publications to help teachers, students and their families learn about Michigan and the legislative process.

- Getting to Know Michigan Coloring Book
- Child Safety Coloring Book
- Student's Guide to the Legislative Process in Michigan
- Bookmarks
- Portraits of Michigan

✂ CLIP AND MAIL

If you are interested in any of this material, please fill out the order form below and return to Senator Joe Hune at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909-7536. You can also view the booklets at [www.SenatorJoeHune.com](http://www.SenatorJoeHune.com).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_