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Dear School Administrator/Educator:

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children between 5 and 8 years old. Many of these children were not properly restrained. On Thursday, August 2, 2012 a new law will go into effect that requires children under the age 8 to be restrained. This law allows a police officer to stop a car if a child is not seat belted correctly in a child safety seat.

Vehicle seats and seat belts are designed for adult bodies and don't properly protect a child in the events of a crash. Phoenix Children's Hospital recommends that children who are at least 4 years old and weigh at least 40 pounds should use a booster seat. Booster seats makes the lap and shoulder belts fit low over the child's thighs and hips and snug over the shoulder. Please help Phoenix Children's Hospital reduce the number of children injured in motor vehicle crashes. Keep children in the *back seat... in the booster... every time.*

I have attached the *Child Passenger Restraint Law* for you to share with your families. If you have additional questions or would like information on child passenger safety please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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