

From The House

Back-to-School

Hartford students headed back to school August 29 for another year full of promise and potential at our local public, magnet and charter schools.

That means it's important to take extra care when driving through our neighborhoods. Watch for buses and children walking to and from school. Remember - it is the law - you must stop for school buses with flashing red lights. Failure to stop is dangerous and leads to a big fine, starting at \$465 for the first offense.

For kids waiting for their school bus, police have some good advice:

- Make sure there is a safe place to wait for the bus.
- Enter and exit the bus away from traffic.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver says it's ok to enter.
- When exiting a bus, walk to the front before crossing so the driver can see you.
- Be extra cautious and look both ways as you cross the street.

Of course our teachers and administrators have been gearing up for the new school year for weeks. CREC recently hosted a pair of events, their Annual CREC Back-to-School Block Party and Back-to-School fair. Kids and families were able to have a fun day with music, field games, and ice cream. Students received backpacks filled with school supplies.

If you are new to Hartford, call the Hartford schools' welcome line at 860 695-8400 or CREC families can call (860) 247-CREC. Have a great 2017/18 school year!