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"School's (Almost) Out" Safety Reminders from District 64

With the upcoming end of school combined with longer daylight hours, Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 is urging parents and community members to be mindful of safety precautions. "As safe as our community is, there are potential dangers to children who will soon be spending more time outdoors and on-the-go. We ask parents and community members to work with us to improve safety conditions in our neighborhoods," Superintendent Sally Pryor announced.

Among the suggested precautions are:

- Be watchful of your child and all children every day, not only when a threatening situation is brought to your attention.
- Regularly check the Illinois Sex Offender database maintained by the Illinois State Police at <u>www.isp.state.il.us/sor</u> for updates about individuals residing in or new to this community. The database is updated daily and allows quick searching by name, city, county, zip code, compliance status, or any combination. In addition, an easy-to-use geographic feature presents an actual map of the offender's location in relation to your home address and schools.
- Tell your children to report any suspicious activities or people to parents, their teachers, principal, or trusted adults.
- Until school is dismissed in June, notify your school principal to report any suspicious activity or persons. Always contact the local police if you feel it is warranted.
- Model safe driving practices and teach children how to be safe when crossing streets.
- Make sure everyone in your family wears a helmet when biking.

"We want the summer ahead to be safe and enjoyable months for all children this year," Dr. Pryor added.

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