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June 08, 2004

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Blue Bird Body Company has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety exist in certain 2004 and 2005 model year Blue Bird All American front engine school and transit buses equipped with Option 2836-01 Driver's 3-Point Seat Belt. The subject buses were manufactured at Canadian Blue Bird in Brantford, Ontario from March 03, 2003 through April 05, 2004.

The defect involves the fasteners that retain the 3-point driver's seat belt shoulder strap upper attachment. Incorrect fasteners were originally installed. Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect.

Blue Bird Body Company's evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to this defect is in the event of a crash, the shoulder strap could fail, and the driver could be injured.

Special equipment is required to install the correct fasteners. Your Blue Bird distributor will contact you to schedule a time to perform Recall R04HT.

Your Blue Bird bus(es) affected by recall R04HT are identified by body serial number(s) on the enclosed reply sheets.

If you no longer own the subject bus(es), please complete the appropriate section of the yellow reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

Labor time required for your distributor to perform Recall R04HT is 0.5 hours (30 minutes) per bus.

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If Blue Bird Body Company should fail to or is unable to remedy this condition without charge to you, you may contact:

**ADMINISTRATOR
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
400 SEVENTH STREET, SW
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

or you may call The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration toll free at:

1-888-327-4236

Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to me at (478) 822-2242.

Thank you,

**Bill Coleman
Recall Administrator
BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY**