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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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MR. BILL COLEMAN
CORPORATE RECALL ADMINISTRATOR
BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY
P.O. BOX 937
FORT VALLEY, GA 31030

NVS-215kjs
05V-190

Subject: FMVSS 221/BODY JOINT STRENGTH

Dear MR. COLEMAN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information will be accessible to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
BLUE BIRD/ALL AMERICAN/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-190
Components:
STRUCTURE

Recall Date: APRIL 26, 2005

Potential Number of Units Affected: 575

Summary:

CERTAIN BLUE BIRD MY 2006 MY ALL AMERICAN FRONT AND REAR ENGINE SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM DECEMBER 6, 2004, THROUGH APRIL 8, 2005. THE INTERIOR SIDE WALL PANELS FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE JOINT STRENGTH REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 221, SCHOOL BUS BODY JOINT STRENGTH.

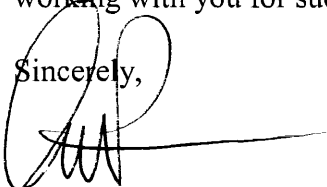
Consequence:
TO BE DETERMINED.

Remedy:
BLUE BIRD HAS NOT YET PROVIDED THE AGENCY WITH A REMEDY AND NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE.

Blue Bird must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date including the day, month, and year. You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Your contact for this recall will be KELLY SCHULER, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division