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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 certain 2003 through 2006 model year Blue Bird All American school and transit buses and conventional school buses equipped with a Webasto Scholastic model DBW 2010 coolant heater.

The defect involves the burner tubes of the Webasto Scholastic model DBW 2010 coolant heater. The walls of the burner tubes may begin deteriorating at an accelerated rate and can fail. If such a failure occurs, the surface temperature of the exhaust tube exiting from the heater can increase and potentially ignite combustible materials in or around the vehicle which could cause personal injury. Vehicle occupant may notice an increase in noise relating to such an occurrence and may observe heat related discoloration of components of the heaters exhaust system.

Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect. Buses with the defect must be corrected according to instructions provided by Webasto Products North America, Inc. A copy of the instructions is enclosed.

Your Blue Bird bus (es) affected by this recall 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 **pink** reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

Instructions required to correct this condition are included with this notice. **To receive parts to correct your Webasto heater return the enclosed parts request sheet with all information completed.**

A qualified technician should perform this modification or you may contact your Blue Bird distributor or Webasto Products North America, Inc. at 810-593-6220 for assistance.

Reimbursement for labor may be obtained by completing the **pink** request for reimbursement sheet provided and returning it to Blue Bird in the enclosed **pink** postage prepaid envelope. Labor time required to perform recall R05JM is thirty minutes (0.5) hours per bus.

If the modifications/repair directed by this notification was performed on your bus prior to the receipt of this recall notification, complete and sign the recall reply sheet and attached a copy of the work order/invoice. Mail the documents in the **pink** self-addressed postage paid envelope included with the recall notification to Blue Bird for warranty consideration. Reimbursements will be made in accordance with the requirements of the National Highway Transportation Safety Act, title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 573 and 577.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

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 CORPORATION

