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# News Release

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### **The Salt Lake City School District Urges Drivers to Use Caution and Drive Safely**

(Salt Lake City) – The Salt Lake City School District is asking all drivers to exercise caution and avoid distracted driving. This call comes after two accidents involving school buses. The accidents occurred within six hours of each other, but in different areas of the city, on Thursday, November 13, 2008.

“We were lucky in both of these accidents, because there were no injuries to the students or the bus drivers,” said McKell Withers, Superintendent, Salt Lake City School District. “As a school district, we are trusted to keep the children of Salt Lake City safe while they are in our care. We need all drivers to pay close attention to the road and be aware of the traffic around them, not just near school buses or schools, but at all times.”

The first accident happened at approximately 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, when a car heading westbound on 1700 South veered into the path of an oncoming school bus. The bus driver attempted to swerve out of the way, but was unable to do so. Two students were on the bus at the time, but they were not injured. The bus driver was also not injured.

The second accident occurred around 1:30 p.m. on Redwood Road. In this accident, a taxi ran into the back of a school bus while the bus was stopped at a railroad crossing. Fortunately, there were no students on the school bus at the time of the accident, and the bus driver was not injured.

The drivers of the taxi and the car were both injured and taken to local hospitals.

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