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Cell phone ban in school zones effective in Plano ISD

(Plano, Texas—October 30, 2009) Texas House Bill 55 prohibits drivers from using wireless communication devices within school crossing zones. The bill requires the posting of signs to inform vehicle operators of the prohibition. On Friday, October 30, the City of Plano announced the required signage has been installed in all schools zones within the city. Therefore, hand-held cell phone use while driving in Plano ISD school zones is prohibited.

The new state law took effect on September 1 and with the completion of the sign installation, will be enforced in Plano. “City of Plano staff notified Plano ISD early on about their planning for signage and enforcement,” said Plano ISD’s Deputy Superintendent Danny Modisette. “We appreciate the City of Plano’s efforts in this and other public safety issues.”

The Plano Police Department has announced that until November 30, 2009, officers will continue their educational efforts regarding this new law by issuing warning citations and reminding drivers of the new law. On December 1, 2009, the educational grace period will cease and violators will be issued citations that carry a fine of up to \$200 for each infraction.

“As always, we appreciate endeavors to create and support safe practices in and around our schools,” Mr. Modisette added. “Beyond the cell phone ban in school zones, we urge drivers to pay attention to the speed limits, school bus arrivals and departures, and to pedestrian traffic.”

About Plano Independent School District

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) – <http://www.pisd.edu/> – endeavors to foster the highest level of student learning. The mission of Plano ISD is to provide an excellent education for all students. Plano ISD is located twenty miles north of Dallas, Texas and serves the residents of approximately 100 square miles in southwest Collin County, including 66 square miles in the city of Plano, northern portions of the cities of Dallas and Richardson and parts of the cities of Allen, Parker and Murphy. Plano ISD employs 7,000 faculty and staff members who serve more than 54,000 students in sixty-seven schools, three special programs including Head Start, and eleven service facilities. Participating in Plano ISD schools enables students to adapt to new learning opportunities throughout their lives, collaborate with, and contribute to, the global community and to be creative and disciplined in their thinking.

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