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October 10, 2006

Arnold Adair  
*Superintendent*

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This morning, a man reportedly attempted to lure a Carpenter Elementary student into his vehicle while the child walked to school. According to the child, the incident took place at about 7:30 a.m. on Georgia not far from Pasadena Boulevard. As the child walked to school, a man in a truck pulled up next to him and told the boy to get into his vehicle. When the boy refused, the man insisted that the child get into the truck. The child refused a second time and ran to the crossing guard at the nearby intersection. The suspect fled the scene, driving north toward State Highway 225.

The child described the man as a middle-aged African-American wearing a black shirt and glasses. He drove a tan or gold truck.

This incident is currently under investigation by Deer Park Police. School district employees are reviewing appropriate safety precautions with students, and I encourage you to do the same at home. In this particular case, I am very proud of the boy, who responded exactly as needed. Our psychological services director offers the following suggestions if your child is approached by a potentially dangerous person:

- Run away;
- Say "no" loudly, make a lot of noise and draw attention to herself/himself;
- Find a safe person;
- Tell an adult as soon as possible.

It is not my intention to cause you undue alarm. However, I believe it is of the utmost importance to continually remind children of these safety precautions.

Student safety remains our highest priority. We continue to work closely with police to ensure the safety of students before, during and after the school day. If you have any information relating to the events described in this letter, please contact the Deer Park Police at 281-479-1511.

Sincerely,

Arnold Adair,  
*Superintendent of Schools*