

# City of Gulfport News Release

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*Chief Alan Weatherford today announced that:*

Public Safety Announcement

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The 2010 – 2011 school year begins Wednesday, August 11, 2010 for the Gulfport and Harrison County School Districts. Chief Alan Weatherford would like to remind citizens traveling in any school area to exercise caution and be especially aware of the children walking to and from school.

Citizens should use caution when approaching school bus stops and be patient when following a school bus, as it does make frequent stops. Gulfport Police Officers will be out in force assisting with traffic control around all schools starting on Wednesday, August 11, 2010. Parents should contact the school that their child will attend to determine the schools traffic plan ahead of time. Most schools have a traffic plan in place that works well when parents use them. These plans are designed to help ensure the safety of all children.

Gulfport Police will monitor school zones and remind drivers that the speed limit during school zone times is posted at 15 mph. At the start of school traffic is generally heavy around the elementary schools. The Gulfport Police Department strongly recommends parking properly in approved areas and avoid parking alongside the roadway and leaving your car unattended. A list of school zone times can be found listed on our website at [www.gulfportpolice.net](http://www.gulfportpolice.net).

If you need assistance please contact the Gulfport Police School Resource Division at 868-5703.

*“Building a safer Gulfport together”*