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SAFETY ALERT

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SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS

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In 2005, there were 214 traffic related injuries at District schools. Because of the upsurge in student injuries related to traffic incidents, the following safety tips are being re-issued to ensure the safe passage of students, parents and staff.

WALKING TO SCHOOL

- Choose the safest route (pedestrian routes to school maps) to school and walk it with children.
- Follow all traffic signals, signs and street markings including crosswalks.
- Look in all directions before crossing the street or in crosswalks.
- Cross the street at corners or crosswalks only. Do not cross in the middle of the block.

RIDING A BICYCLE TO SCHOOL

- Wear bicycle safety helmets at all times when on a bicycle, skateboard or scooter.
- Choose the safest route (pedestrian routes to school maps) to bicycle to school.
- Obey all traffic controls and ride on the right side with the flow of traffic or in the bicycle lane.
- Check with your City's municipal code to make sure riding on the sidewalk is approved. If approved, children under the age of ten should ride the bicycle on the sidewalk and follow the pedestrian routes to school maps.
- Cross the street by walking your bicycle, skateboard or scooter.

RIDING IN AN AUTOMOBILE TO SCHOOL

- Wear a seat belt and remain belted until exiting the vehicle.
- Children under 40 pounds or 4 years old and under must be in a child restraint when riding in the vehicle. Children under 60 pounds or 6 years old must be in a booster seat.
- Drop-off and pick-up children on the passenger side of the vehicle (next to the curb).
- Do not pick-up or drop-off children on the opposite side of the street and cause children to jay walk, cross the street without adult supervision or walk between vehicles. Do not park in traffic lanes when picking up or dropping off children.
- Follow all traffic lights, speed limit signs, crosswalk markings, and school crossing guards.

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