

Maryland Safe Routes to School Program

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SCHOOL PARTICIPATION LETTER

SCHOOL: _____ Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

We have been notified by _____ that our school will be a participant in the Maryland Safe Routes to School Program. By this letter we acknowledge that we desire to participate in this program and that we understand our school will have certain responsibilities over the course of the grant period from _____. These responsibilities will include:

1. To notify the students and parents of participation in the Safe Routes to School program, and to keep them informed of any ongoing construction issues through periodic PTA/PTSO meetings and/or notes home with students.
2. To conduct parent surveys and student tallies twice per school year (Spring and Fall). This involves sending a survey home with each student, having a home room or other teacher tally the numbers of students using various modes of transportation each day for three days, and providing the returned surveys and tally information to the Project Coordinator.
3. To actively promote safely walking and biking to school through education and encouragement programs during the school year. These might include participation in International Walk to School Day, participation in the Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program, or participation in bike rodeos or other special programs. Information on these programs would be provided to the Project Coordinator for inclusion in the next quarterly progress report following the event.
4. To cooperate with the Program Coordinator as they plan, engineer, and construct any sidewalks and other infrastructure improvements in the vicinity of the school. This might include temporarily changing walking pathways or school entry points, providing additional adult supervision for walking/biking students during the construction period(s), and to participate in post-construction recognition and publicity events.

Comments:

Principal's Acknowledgement:

Printed: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____

Safe Routes to School Project Coordinator:

Printed: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____

For more information on the Maryland Safe Routes to School Program, please contact Ms. Christy Bernal, Maryland Safe Routes to School Coordinator – 410-545-5659 or cbernal@sha.state.md.us.