

# SAMPLE: LETTER HOME TO PARENTS

Dear Parent,

YOUR SCHOOL and YOUR TOWN are working to ensure the safety of children traveling to and from school. To that end we will be starting a Safe Routes to Schools program this fall. This program will determine the safest routes to walk and bike to school, suggest safety improvements to those routes, develop fun ways to encourage more children to use those routes, and recruit parents and neighbors to accompany children to school. We will be teaching children traffic safety and look at ways to slow the traffic down around the schools

The programs goals are to:

- Reduce traffic congestion in and around the school.
- Improve safety through increased enforcement and street improvements.
- Increase the number of children who walk and bike to school.

Our first event will be \_\_\_\_\_ which has been declared International Walk to School Day. Parents and children who walk or bike to school together that day will arrive to a host of festivities and goodies.

If you are concerned about traffic and safety in and around the school and would like more information about Safe Routes to Schools please come to our first planning meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

Here's what you can do to help:

Fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it by \_\_\_\_\_.

Mark your calendar and participate in International Walk to School Day.

Come to our first informational meeting on \_\_\_\_\_

If you are tired of traffic dangers around the school, here is your chance to make a difference. Thank you for any participation you can give to this program. We will be keeping you informed about our progress.

Yours truly,

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