

## Help Start a Safe Routes to School Program at our School

Due to a national increase in childhood obesity, pedestrian accidents, traffic and schoolyard pollution, many schools have begun organizing educational programs and events that promote healthy and safe alternatives for children to get to and from school.

Schools throughout the country that are part of the Safe Routes to School program have established **Safe Routes to School Teams**, which are made up of parents, teachers and community members. This group assesses the conditions faced by students who want to walk or ride bicycles to school, including identifying unsafe intersections, roads, and other traffic situations. Many times, unsafe situations can be resolved with well-planned walking or biking programs, improved signage, and carpooling.

Our school administrators are committed to improving the safety of our school community. We need parent volunteers to support us in these efforts. If you are interested in joining our **Safe Routes for School Team**, call: YOUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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