



Safe Routes to School QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to our quarterly newsletter. Here we will share updates, exciting opportunities, and information relating to Safe Routes to School in the Land of Sky region.

Pilot Schools Update



Pilot School Selection

We are in the process of selecting eight pilot schools for a two-year SRTS program. Each school will have a pre assessment, implementation, and post assessment to track the effectiveness of the program. Each school's activities will be tailored to the specific needs of the school. This group has been identified by the SRTS committee based on new infrastructure improvements, history of SRTS, and several equity indicators.

Pilot Schools

- Asheville City: Asheville Middle & Hall Fletcher Elementary
- Buncombe County: Black Mountain Primary & Johnston Elementary
- Haywood County: Hazelwood Elementary
- Henderson County: TBD
- Madison County: TBD
- Transylvania County: TBD



NCDOT Bicycle Helmet Initiative

NCDOT Intergrated Mobility Division releases an annual call for applications for their Bicycle Helmet Initiative. Children are a key demographic for bike related injuries, so this program distributes helmets to government and non-profit agencies conducting bicycle safety events for underprivileged children. If you are interested in submitting an application next February, we can help!

UPCOMING EVENTS: WALK OR ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY

May 8th is walk/roll to school day. Is your school interested in learning how to host an event? Reach out to Ada at ada@landofsky.org.

Sources:

Safe Routes Partnership: "Let's go for a walk"
Canva Pro Design Tool



School Spotlight: Pisgah Elementary Bike Club

Pisgah Elementary School is planning to launch an after-school bike club in the fall. The fleet will be provided by the Blue Ridge Bike Club. Each semester up to 18 students will learn bicycle skills, like maintenance, safety, and bike operations.



Want more? Email Ada at ada@landofsky.org