

School Travel Survey for District Superintendents/Board Chairs

1. **How do most of the elementary and middle school students in your district get to school in the morning?** (*Please select only one box*)

- by school bus
- by public transportation (e.g., city bus)
- by other motor vehicle (car, van, etc.)
- on foot
- on bicycle
- other → *please specify* _____

2. **Does your district have “hazard” bus routes (routes to pick up/drop off children who live within the 1.5 mile limit of school, but for whom it is considered too dangerous to walk or bike)? If so, how many routes?**

- Yes, we have hazard routes → (If yes) **How many hazard routes?** _____
- No, we have no hazard routes
- I don't know

3. **Does your district have a clear position about children walking to school?** (*Please select only one box*)

- Yes, we encourage children to walk to school
- Yes, we allow children to walk to school.
- Yes, we discourage children from walking to school.
- Yes, we prohibit children from walking to school
- No, we do not have a position about children walking to school → *Skip to #5*
- I don't know → *Skip to #5*

4. **How has your district's position on children walking to school been communicated within the district?** (*Please select only one box*)

- This position is contained in an official, written policy or directive
- This position has been described in a written memo or other document
- This position has been communicated orally, but not in writing
- This position has not been communicated

5. For each of the following factors as they now exist for your district, please indicate how you believe it affects the number of children walking to schools in your district.

| | <i>This factor has...</i> | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | <i>a positive impact on walking</i> | <i>no impact</i> | <i>a negative impact on walking</i> |
| Safety of street crossings | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Number of sidewalks or pathways | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Traffic volume | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Traffic speeds | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Parental attitudes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Student attitudes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Distance to school | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Neighborhood condition | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

6. Please rank the 3 most important factors that should be addressed to increase the number of children walking to schools in your district. Please enter 1 for most important factor, 2 for 2nd most important factor, and 3 for the 3rd most important factor.

- _____ Safety of street crossings
- _____ Number of sidewalks or pathways
- _____ Traffic volume
- _____ Traffic speeds
- _____ Parental attitudes
- _____ Student attitudes
- _____ Distance to school
- _____ Neighborhood condition

7. Will elementary and middle schools in your district participate in Walk to School Day in 2007?

- Yes, all of the elementary and middle schools will participate
- Yes, some of the elementary and middle schools will participate
- No, none of the elementary or middle schools will participate
- I don't know

8. **What is the lowest grade at which you believe a student can be allowed to walk to school alone (assuming an age-appropriate distance)?**

- Kindergarten
- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 4th
- 5th
- 6th
- 7th
- 8th
- I don't know
- Students should always be accompanied when walking to school

9. **What type of impact do you believe walking to school can have on the health of your students?**

- Strong positive impact
- Mild positive impact
- No impact, positive or negative
- Mild negative impact
- Strong negative impact
- No opinion/I don't know

10. **What type of impact do you believe walking to school can have on the academic performance of your students?**

- Strong positive impact
- Mild positive impact
- No impact, positive or negative
- Mild negative impact
- Strong negative impact
- No opinion/I don't know

11. a. Do elementary or middle schools in your district teach pedestrian safety skills?

- Yes, all of the elementary and middle schools teach pedestrian safety
- Yes, some of the elementary and middle schools teach pedestrian safety
- No, none of the schools teach pedestrian safety → *skip to 12*
- I don't know → *skip to 12*

b. (If yes) In which grades do you teach pedestrian safety skills? (check all that apply)

- Kindergarten
- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 4th
- 5th
- 6th
- 7th
- 8th
- I don't know

12. Does your district have a clear position about children riding bicycles to school? (Please select only one box)

- Yes, we encourage children to ride bicycles to school
- Yes, we allow children to ride bicycles to school.
- Yes, we discourage children from riding bicycles to school.
- Yes, we prohibit children from riding bicycles to school
- No, we do not have a position about children riding bicycles to school → *Skip to #14*
- I don't know → *Skip to #14*

13. How has your district's position on children cycling to school been communicated within the district? (Please select only one box)

- This position is contained in an official, written policy or directive
- This position has been described in a written memo or other document
- This position has been communicated orally, but not in writing
- This position has not been communicated

14. Do elementary and middle schools in your district have bicycle racks?

- Yes, we have bike racks at all elementary and middle schools
- Yes, we have bike racks at some of the elementary or middle schools
- No, we do not have bike racks at any of our elementary or middle schools
- I don't know

15. a. Do elementary and middle schools in your district teach bicycle safety skills?

- Yes, all of the elementary and middle schools teach bicycle safety
- Yes, some of the elementary and middle schools teach bicycle safety
- No → *go to 16*
- I don't know → *go to 16*

b. (If yes) In which grades do you teach bicycle safety skills? (check all that apply)

- Kindergarten
- 1st
- 2nd
- 3rd
- 4th
- 5th
- 6th
- 7th
- 8th
- I don't know

16. Do you currently support efforts to encourage children to walk to schools in your district?

- Yes, I actively support efforts to get more children walking to school
- I am in favor of such efforts, but am not actively involved
- I have no opinion about such efforts
- I am not in favor of such efforts, but am not actively involved
- I actively discourage such efforts

17. In what ways do liability concerns influence your decisions related to walking and cycling to school?

18. Please tell us more about your interest and/or concerns about how children travel to school, especially about walking and cycling.

Thank you for completing this survey.