



## **Safety Guidelines for Drivers who drop-off and pick-up Students**

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### **Dear Parents and Drivers:**

Did you know that more children are hit by cars near school than any other place in most communities? Even in our community, we have too many cars driving near schools! To help change this pattern, your full cooperation is essential.

### **Here are some guidelines and suggestions for dropping-off and picking-up children from school:**

- ✓ Follow your school's traffic pattern for drop-off and pick-up, and please follow the plan. If your school doesn't have a plan, contact the principal and suggest that one be developed.
- ✓ Make sure all children are properly secured in your vehicle while you are driving.
- ✓ Reduce your speed when you enter a school zone and when children are walking or biking along the road.
- ✓ Drop children off on the school-side of the street.
- ✓ Train your child to look all ways (left, right, front and behind), listen for traffic, make eye contact with the driver, and then walk cautiously when crossing a street.
- ✓ Never double-park. Do not let your child out of a vehicle that is not next to the curb.
- ✓ Avoid backing up. Little kids are hard to see!

Walking your child to school is one of the best answers to protecting young children today. Walk to School events raise everyone's awareness about their role in providing safer routes to school for our children.

**Remember: slow down, keep these guidelines in mind, drive safely, and walk with your child to school as often as possible.**

**Thank You!**

