

SAMPLE LETTER

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community leaders.

SafeRoutes

Connecticut Safe Routes to School



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SEND A LETTER TO YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Dear *[PTO, Principal, Parents, Superintendent]*,

As *[parents/PTO Members/faculty]* of the *[school name]* community, we would like to propose *[the implementation of a Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) program / taking our current Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) program to the next level]*. This is a perfect time to bring student safety for walking and bicycling to our school curriculum as a regular piece of our culture and instill these valuable life skills.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) established a Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) pursuant to the federal program in 2005. The goal is to enable and encourage children in grades K-8 to walk and bicycle to school.

During that time many SRTS communities across the state have shown improved student academic and/or physical education performance, improved health, reduced traffic congestion, better air quality, and enhanced neighborhood safety through infrastructure improvements and community support.

We have the opportunity at this time to work in cooperation with the DOT and its consultant team on this effort. The CT SRTS Team offers program assistance at no charge to schools and/or school districts that are interested developing or expanding a SRTS in their community. This assistance is available through a number of different methods including:

- Providing a presentation to faculty or interested parent/teacher organizations either through individual schools or hosting a school district-wide meeting
- Guidance on developing a plan for implementing your program (individual schools or school district)
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety training
- Assistance in planning program events, i.e. Bike to School Day, Bike Trains, Moving Mondays, Footloose Fridays, Walking School Bus, Walk to School Day, Walking Wednesdays

We would love the opportunity to invite the CT SRTS Team to the next meeting of our PTO to start the discussion about this important topic. Please let us know your thoughts.

Sincerely,

[parents/PTO Members/faculty]

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