

**School Board Meeting Agenda Item**

Topic: Student & School Showcase  
Presenter(s): School Principals & Staff

Nature of Action Requested by Board

Board action   
Board information or scheduled report

Background Information

The purpose of these showcases is to celebrate and highlight the happenings in our schools and district. Each week a member of the Leadership Team will highlight an activity, group or individual from our district.

The showcase for tonight's meeting is the Safe Routes to School Bike Fleet. Jennifer Grove, Burnside Principal; Alan Gaylor, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Mollie Wallerich, Physical Education Teacher BES and Sarah Dawson, Public Health Educator/Livewell Goodhue County Coordinator will present the program to the board.

Walk and Bike Safety Education for K-8 Students

In 2023, the State of Minnesota mandated that all students in public schools must receive age-appropriate education related to safe walking and bicycling during the first few weeks of school. This legislation is similar to the law that requires students to receive bus safety education at the beginning of each school year.

There's a lot of information in the legislation that required this training, but the most important highlights are:

Students in grades K-3 must receive pedestrian safety education including crossing roads. Students in grades 4-8 must receive pedestrian safety education including crossing roads using the searching left-right-left for vehicles in traffic technique; as well as bicycle safety, including relevant traffic laws, use and proper fit of protective headgear, bicycle parts and safety features, and safe biking techniques.

In most cases, students must receive this education by the end of the third week of school.

This bike fleet will provide the opportunity for students to learn how to ride bikes, the rules of the road and bike safety including: how to check over your bike to make sure it's safe to ride, a proper helmet fit and promote active living in all students district wide.

This link is an overview of the programing: <https://mnsaferoutestoschool.org/about/overview/>