

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

SUMMARY

The Beaverton SRTS program promotes safe travel to school through education, walking and biking initiatives, and infrastructure advocacy. By encouraging students to use school buses or walk/bike to school, the program aims to reduce the carbon footprint and improve students' well-being.

BACKGROUND

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a nationwide initiative that encourages students and families to walk, bike, or use buses for school commutes, thereby reducing single-car trips. The foundation of our program, encapsulating the essential components of our comprehensive and integrated approach, are the 6 E's: Education, Encouragement, Equity, Engagement, Engineering and Evaluation.

The Beaverton School District's Safe Routes to School program's goals are to:

- Reduce the number of cars commuting to and from school
- Enhance student safety, health and wellness
- Improve the environmental health of our communities and the planet

RECOMMENDATION

Staff will present information on the Safe Routes to School program. No action is needed.