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Subject: Back-to-school safety tips from CC County Public Works

<u>Contra Costa County Public Works</u> is urging road users to exercise extra caution in school zones as they travel to and from school.

With a return to in-person learning and a major change from the past years' pandemic-induced remote-learning model, students and parents alike are looking forward to getting back to school. With the excitement of returning to in-person learning, children may not be fully aware of their surroundings as they walk, bicycle, or bus to school.

In some cases, students may be going to new schools and be less familiar with the traffic patterns. For these reasons, Public Works is asking parents and other drivers to leave early, stay alert, and be extra cautious in school zones. The first few weeks of school can be extra stressful as everyone gets back into their routines. Please be respectful of others and the rules of the road during this critical time.

The National Safety Council (NSC) has provided materials regarding sharing the road, including <u>back-to-school safety tips</u>. In addition, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) offers <u>more tips for back-to-school safety</u>.

CCC Public Works encourages you to go over some road safety rules and tips with your child/children as you prepare for the school year.

