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Contra Costa County Public Works Urges Road Users to Exercise Safety in School Zones This Back to School Year

August 14, 2018, Martinez, CA – Contra Costa County Public Works encourages all road users to be safe as they travel to and from school this year. There are over **177,000** K-12 students heading back to **261** public schools in **18** school districts throughout Contra Costa County.

As we are all excited about the promise of the new school year, children may not always be aware of their surroundings as they walk, bicycle, or bus to school. We are asking parents and other drivers to leave early, be fully alert, and extra cautious while driving, especially in *school zones*. We encourage you to sit down with your child and go over some road safety rules and tips.

For some helpful tips for parents, caregivers, children, and drivers, the National Safety Council has provided three great resources: [Back to School Checklist](#), [Traveling to School](#), and [Back to School Tips for Motorists](#). Also, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has this [resource](#) for back to school safety. For more helpful information on sharing the road this busy school year, please [click here](#).

About Contra Costa County Public Works Department:

[Contra Costa County Public Works Department](#) (CCCPWD) maintains over 660 miles of roads, 150 miles of streams, channels and other drainage and over 200 County buildings throughout Contra Costa County. CCCPWD provides [services](#) such as Parks and Recreation, Sand Bag Distribution and Flood Control throughout unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County. For more information about CCCPWD, please visit us [here](#).

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