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## Thousands of Alameda County Students to Participate in International Walk and Roll to School on October 2

**ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif.** – Over 150 Alameda County schools are registered to join in the fun and enjoy the benefits of taking a healthy route to school by walking, biking, scooting, riding the bus or sharing their ride on [International Walk and Roll to School Day](#). The marquee celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, although some schools may be celebrating on a different day in October.

International Walk and Roll to School Day is a part of the [Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools \(SR2S\) Program](#), which promotes active and shared commutes to school. Families who live far from school are encouraged to participate by either trying transit, coordinating a carpool, or parking a few blocks away from school and walking to school together.

“International Walk and Roll to School Day is a perfect opportunity for students and their families to try out active transportation options and celebrate with their school communities,” said Alameda CTC Chair and Alameda County Supervisor Richard Valle. “On behalf of all the elected officials at the Alameda County Transportation Commission, I encourage everybody to participate in this fun Safe Routes to Schools event since it is effective in inspiring students and their families to continue to choose healthy and active transportation choices in the months after the event!”

Prior to October 2, events will be held at schools to support and encourage students and their families to participate. The [Alameda County BikeMobile](#), the SR2S program’s mobile bicycle repair clinic, will participate in events all week, repairing bikes for free and providing free bike repair training. Up to 50 percent of Alameda County’s students do not ride their bikes due to minor issues, such as a flat tire or worn out brakes. The Alameda County BikeMobile addresses this problem by bringing mechanics directly to students. To book the BikeMobile for a school visit go to [http://alamedacountysr2s.org/our-services/plan-an-event/bikemobile-2/#request\\_a\\_visit](http://alamedacountysr2s.org/our-services/plan-an-event/bikemobile-2/#request_a_visit).

Media is invited to visit the following Alameda County schools hosting events celebrating International Walk and Roll to School Day:

- Alameda CTC Chair and County Supervisor Richard Valle will join students at **Searles Elementary School** in Union City to celebrate from 7:45–8:05 a.m.
- In Oakland, SR2S, SafeKids Alameda County and Fed Ex have teamed up to sponsor the International Walk and Roll to School Day event at **Reach Academy**. Students, parents and volunteers will gather at Verdese Carter Park for fun activities, giveaways and a Walking School Bus, starting at 7:40 a.m. Volunteers will also read to K–2nd graders during in-class breakfast.
- Hayward School Board member April Oquenda will join students and parent champions at **Schafer Park Elementary** from 8:00–8:20 a.m.
- Newark Mayor Alan Nagy will join students at **James Graham Elementary** at 7:45 a.m.
- San Leandro School Board President, Leo Sheridan, will celebrate International Walk and Roll Day with students and families at **McKinley Elementary** at 7:45 a.m.
- Students and parents of **Cottonwood Creek Elementary** in Dublin will join a Walking School Bus to walk to school from the Fallon Sports Park at 7:45 a.m.

#### **About the Alameda County Transportation Commission**

The Alameda County Transportation Commission is governed by a 22-member Board comprised of elected officials representing the County Board of Supervisors, all 14 cities in Alameda County, and two major transit operators. Alameda CTC coordinates countywide transportation planning and delivers essential, voter-supported transportation improvements in every city throughout Alameda County. Funding sources for Alameda CTC’s expenditure plans include the voter approved transportation sales tax Measures B and BB, which were approved by 81.5 percent of county voters in 2000, and more than 70 percent of voters in 2014, respectively. Visit [www.AlamedaCTC.org](http://www.AlamedaCTC.org) to learn more, and follow Alameda CTC on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

#### **About the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program**

Since 2006, the Alameda CTC has prioritized safe walking and biking to schools through its Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) Program. Serving over 200 schools annually, the comprehensive program provides free education, training, and support to schools that want to teach safe pedestrian and bicyclist behaviors, as well as encourage carpooling and transit use. The Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program is a program of the Alameda County Transportation Commission and is funded with Alameda County’s local sales tax Measure B, regional, state and federal funds.

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