

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Society for Children and Youth of BC (SCY) is excited to introduce you to the Walking School Bus program (WSB). This initiative is made possible by funding from the Province of BC and is delivered by SCY in collaboration with the Capital Regional District.

What is the Walking School Bus?

A Walking School Bus is a program designed to create a safe and enjoyable way for children to travel to and from school. It involves a group of students walking together under the supervision of dedicated trained adult Walk Leaders, creating a "bus route" that children can join and walk to/from school together. A WSB works similar to a traditional yellow school bus but on foot!

For more information on the Walking School Bus, visit <https://scyofbc.org/walking-school-bus/> or watch the WSB video [HERE](#).

School Travel Survey

We would like to invite ALL families to fill out the following short survey - whether you plan to participate in the Walking School Bus, or not: <https://forms.office.com/r/FT9B9W9Gx9>

The survey is designed to assess your school community's needs, desires and challenges surrounding school travel. Information collected from the survey will be used to design the Walking School Bus route, and for program evaluation. Filling out this survey does not guarantee a spot in the program.

By filling out the WSB survey, you can help us to:

1. Uncover where interested families are living geographically.
2. Identify interested families (student participants and adult volunteers).
3. Understand school transportation habits.
4. Recruit volunteers from the school community to become "Walk Leaders" — individuals who walk with the group of children to/from school.

The deadline to complete this survey is November 25th.

For any questions, please contact the Walking School Bus coordinator Emma Barrett at emma@scyofbc.org

