SMART ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL:

Safe Routes to School!

The Goal: Where it is safe, get families walking and cycling to school and where it is not safe, make changes and/or educate students and citizens on pedestrian and cycling safety.

Less automobile traffic plus more families walking or biking to school equals a safer pedestrian and bicycling environment and less traffic congestion for everyone. Walking and cycling is good for your body and good for the environment. Tuesdays are Lucile Erwin Middle School designated walk, bike or carpool to school day although we encourage participation every day!

You either live along or may travel through a route that has been identified as a high-level school traffic way for Lucile Erwin Middle School. Together we can make these routes as safe as possible. These routes are shown on the reverse side of this letter.

Please pay special attention to your driving behavior and work with your children to understand potential hazards along these routes.

Here is how you can help keep this travel route safe:

Motorist:
- **Slow down! These internal routes are residential roadways.**
- Focus on driving. Avoid cell phone usage, eating, drinking or looking at passengers while driving.
- Keep your eye on cyclists and pedestrians. Children are erratic! They have a right to use all the roads in Colorado unless expressly prohibited. Pass with care and keep track of them in your rear and side mirrors.
- Do not “cut” corners when turning, stay in the travel lane.
- Park in driveways whenever possible to allow for maximum sight distance at intersections.
- Avoid U-turns and left turns.

Parents of student pedestrians:
- Be a walking role model, children learn through experience.
- Be confident of your child’s abilities before you allow them to walk without adult supervision.
- Walk in a group, find neighbors to walk with.
- Select a safe route, stick to it! Stay on the sidewalks and cross at crosswalks or appropriate locations.
- "Look Smart!" Be safe, be smart, be seen. Make sure drivers can see you. Make eye contact, walk heads up.

Parents of student cyclists:
- Children may not have adequate skills to bicycle alone. Be sure your child is ready to bicycle without supervision before you let them bicycle to school.
- WEAR A HELMET!
- Obey traffic laws - a bicycle is a vehicle too.
- Ride with the flow of traffic.
- Know & use hand signals.
- Be sure your child’s bicycle is in good mechanical condition, check brakes!
- Ride single file whenever possible and never more than two abreast.

We all walk, bike and drive. Let’s all share the road! Thank you for your time.

The city has a Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program to assist residents with concerns about speeding on their street. For information, see our webpage at: [http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/PublicWorks/Traffic/TrafficCalming.htm](http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/PublicWorks/Traffic/TrafficCalming.htm) or contact Derek Schuler at 962-2647.