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

August 7, 2019, Martinez, CA – Contra Costa County Public Works encourages all road users to be extra careful as they travel to and from school this year. According to the Contra Costa County Office of Education, there are **177,770** K-12 students enrolled in **285** public schools in **18** school districts located throughout Contra Costa County. Private school enrollment adds over **19,000** students in Contra Costa County as well.

After a long summer and with the excitement of a new school year, children may not be fully aware of their surroundings as they walk, bicycle, or bus to school. That's why we are 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 school time routines. Please be respectful of others and the rules of the road during this critical time.

For some helpful tips for parents, caregivers, children, and drivers, the National Safety Council has provided a lot of helpful material on sharing the road, including [back to school safety tips](#) this busy school year. Also, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has this [resource](#) for back to school safety. We encourage you to sit down with your child and go over some road safety rules and tips.

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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