

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District

REGULAR MEETING ORDER OF BUSINESS

333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room
2 p.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Board President's Reports

Labor Partner Reports

Committee Reports

High School Voter Education Weeks, September 19-30

Superintendent's Reports

Highlighting Best Practices: Downtown Magnets

Los Angeles School Police Department Recognition of Officers

District English Learners Advisory Committee Update

Consent Items

Items for action below assigned by the Board at the meeting to be adopted by a single vote. Any item may be pulled off of consent for further discussion by any Board Member at any time before action is taken.

Board Member Resolutions for Action

36. Ms. Ratliff - Supporting Safe Routes to School, Vision Zero, and Walk to School Day (Res-025-16/17) (Waiver of Board Rule 72)

Whereas, The health and safety of children is of highest concern to the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District;

Whereas, Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children between the ages of 5 and 14;

Whereas, The City of Los Angeles (City) has adopted the Vision Zero Initiative, with a goal of zero traffic deaths by the year 2025;

Whereas, Safe Routes to School Los Angeles (SRTS-LA), a partnership between the District and the City, is a fundamental strategy in accomplishing Vision Zero goals and potentially reducing traffic deaths;

Whereas, Walking and biking to school has been shown to improve air quality and reduce vehicle congestion in and around school zones;

Whereas, Walking and biking to school can play a leading role in reversing rates of obesity, diabetes, and other health problems among children;

Whereas, Safe Routes to School efforts help remove barriers to walking and biking to school through improvement of infrastructure, educational programs, traffic safety enforcement, and active transportation encouragement;

Whereas, The Safe Routes to School Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and the City formalizes a continued support and expansion of Safe Routes to School activities;

Whereas, an important role for parents, caregivers, and schools is to teach children about pedestrian and street safety and the health and environmental risks related to physical inactivity and air pollution; and

Whereas, The National Center for Safe Routes to School has designated October 5, 2016, as International Walk to School Day; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District supports Vision Zero, Safe Routes to School, and the overall goal of eliminating all traffic deaths in the City by 2025;

Resolved further, That the Board hereby directs the Superintendent to continue to support collaborative District and City SRTS efforts by exploring and reporting back to the Board within 60 days on the viability of the following options:

- Designate a staff lead to co-lead the SRTS-LA Task Force;
- Fund a District-based position to serve as the District's SRTS-LA point of contact;
- Encourage educators to review pedestrian and bicycle safety with students at the start of each and every year;
- Develop and expand traffic safety education to include parents and staff;
- Expand and disseminate informational materials that communicate the goals of SRTS;
- Promote and manage SRTS resources, in all official languages, for educators, families and volunteers;
- Help schedule and coordinate logistics for outreach meetings, assemblies, and other SRTS-LA efforts;
- Administer, and train volunteers for the Safety Valet and Patrol Program in partnership with Los Angeles School Police;
- Institutionalize the Walk to School Day program;
- Establish a collaborative data exchange between the District and the City;
- Collaborate with SRTS-LA in the development of transportation solutions and school transportation needs and assessments;
- Develop robust strategies to identify and compete for funding;
- Continue to involve the Los Angeles Department of Transportation at the earliest opportunity regarding school modernization to optimize traffic operations and site safety;
- Participate in the Vision Zero Task Force and Subcommittees, and expand its support for

Vision Zero through active partnership and collaboration;

Resolved further, That information regarding traffic and pedestrian safety be included in the Parent-Student Handbook beginning in 2017-2018 school year; and, be it finally

Resolved, That the Board hereby declares October 5, 2016 as Walk to School Day in the Los Angeles Unified School District and encourages everyone to consider the safety and health of children today, October 5, and every day.