

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE
TO RECOGNIZE THE BENEFITS
FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS AND
ACTIVE STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

RESOLUTION: 18-002

**PREPARED BY:
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**APPROVED AS TO
FORM AND CORRECTNESS:**


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BOARD APPROVED: 7/11/2018
DATE

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Education recognizes the benefits in general of active transportation, including walking and bicycling, including, but not limited to, traveling to and from school;

WHEREAS, Safe Routes to Schools programs and activities can reduce costs related to busing, improve attendance rates and student achievement, increase physical activity levels for students, improve student health, decrease automobile congestion, and reduce air pollution and related greenhouse gas emission;

WHEREAS, The Knox County Safe Routes to School Partnership works to make it safer, easier and more fun for kids to get to and from school under their own power;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
KNOX COUNTY:**

SECTION 1: Families can consider options allowing their children to walk or bicycle to and from school, where conditions are safe.

SECTION 2: The Board acknowledges efforts to increase participation in Safe Routes to School programs and activities especially in communities with high risk of health issues related to physical inactivity and in those schools where a high proportion of students are not eligible for bus service.

SECTION 3: Individual schools are not responsible for students traveling with modes of active transportation, but, inasmuch as practicable and with safety in mind, should accommodate those students using modes of active transportation to travel to and from school.

SECTION 4: The Board encourages individual schools to consider separating active transportation by time or location from other forms of transportation to the extent possible.

SECTION 5: Parents and guardians are responsible for taking all reasonable measures to ensure the safety of their children when walking, or using any other method of active transportation, to or from school.



Patti Lou Bounds, Chair
Knox County Board of Education

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