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Survey, focus groups will help guide future Safe Routes to School efforts in Kansas

The Kansas Department of Transportation is offering the public two ways to provide input on the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program – an on-line survey and virtual webinars. Information gathered will help direct future programs and recommendations

Getting more kids walking, biking and rolling to school, improving safety and increasing health and physical activity are the goals of SRTS. This can reduce traffic, improve air quality and reduce costs for families.

Anyone can take the survey, especially parents, city employees, school staff and SRTS practitioners and advocates. The survey will take about 15 minutes and is at https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7953400/KDOT-SRTS-2024. The deadline to participate is Sept. 30.

For Kansas SRTS program information or to sign up for the quarterly newsletter, go to https://saferoutes.ksdot.gov/.

Four virtual webinars will take place in September for those interested in implementing SRTS activities such as public health practitioners, city/county planners/engineers, school administrators/teachers and parents. Click on the group and date/time (all CST) below to register:

- Public health (10 a.m. 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 11) click HERE to register.
- **PTO**, parents (1 p.m. 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 11) click <u>HERE</u> to register.
- **School administrators, teachers** (3:30 p.m. − 5 p.m. on Sept. 11) − click <u>HERE</u> to register.
- City/county planners, engineers (10 a.m. 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 12) click <u>HERE</u> to register.

Contact Ann Katt, Safe Routes to School Coordinator, at ann.katt@ks.gov for webinar questions.

Safe Routes to School provides students and caregivers with skills and encouragement through activities, events and lessons while also addressing local pedestrian, bicycle, and personal safety concerns.

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