

**Ann Arbor Public Schools  
Response to MI House Bill No. 4738  
To the City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission**

In response to House Bill No. 4738, which proposes a statewide crosswalk law as an amendment to the Michigan Vehicle Code, the Ann Arbor Public Schools has prepared the follow statement:

All 32 Ann Arbor Public Schools (AAPS) embrace Safe Routes to School programs encouraging students to walk and bike to school. As part of this district-wide initiative, students and families have been educated and told to obey the City of Ann Arbor crosswalk ordinance. The City of Ann Arbor ordinance requires vehicles to stop at crosswalks whenever pedestrians are waiting to cross or have activated an RRFB signal. AAPS educates and instructs students to wait on the curb until the vehicle has come to a complete stop and they have made eye contact with the driver before safely proceeding into the crosswalk. House Bill No. 4738 would make pedestrian crossing less safe in our community by requiring pedestrians to step into the crosswalk before a vehicle stops. Stepping into the crosswalk before a vehicle stops is a very unsafe action to teach our students. If House Bill No. 4738 passes it will create unsafe conditions and confusion for our student walkers and bikers. The district will not, in good conscious, educate students to step off the curb into the street as vehicles approach. This bill will essentially negate the work that has been done to increase student walkers and bikers by creating an unsafe and confusing crossing law for our community. If this bill is approved please allow local municipalities to continue to enforce the stricter crosswalk ordinance that the City of Ann Arbor has come to embrace.