

**Ann Arbor Public Schools  
Student & School Safety Update**

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**2018/2019 Safe Routes to School End of Year Update**

This year we worked diligently to increase SRTS programs across our schools. I am pleased to report that we currently have active SRTS programs in 10 of our 19 elementary schools, at both our K-8 schools, in 4 of our 5 middle schools and in 2 of 5 high schools. We will continue to grow this program next year and maintain our current programs.

The success of these programs are due to dedicated staff and parents/guardians, the exceptional city traffic engineering staff and AAPD officers who are all integral to the assessments and plans developed to encourage safer drop off and pick up practices, walk and bike to school routes and encourage and educate families on the importance of these practices to improve student safety.

**A2 STEAM (K-8) SRTS Grant Update**

We were disappointed at the vote by city council to not approve sidewalk construction along Traver Rd. as part of the SRTS grant program. We have met with city staff, Brian Armstrong and Colleen Synk from the State of Michigan Safe Routes to School Department. The portion of the grant that was earmarked to contribute to sidewalk construction is being returned per grant requirements to the state. These are Federal TAP funds. Both the City and AAPS needs to decide if there is an avenue to reapply for these funds during the next application period in October. City Council support would need to be confirmed prior to reapplication. Since the initial funds have been returned this impact the “prior performance” category for the grant application assessment. This area around A2 STEAM at Northside continues to be a high safety risk for walkers without the addition of sidewalks. It is unfortunate that this is the result of over 3 years of hard work to make improvements to safety not only for students but for the entire neighborhood.

**MCity Initiative**

After the successful MCity event with A2 STEAM families, we are hoping to be able to duplicate their hard work for other schools across the district next year. MCity allows students on bikes or walking to experience proper riding and walking practices at crosswalks, railroad crossings, orange flag crossings and general rules of the roads.