



### **Bike to School Day – a national event to showcase the benefits of biking for children and youth**

CHAPEL HILL (May 9, 2018) – Tens of thousands of students, parents, school administrators, elected officials, and community leaders are strapping on their helmets and raising their kickstands today to celebrate safe and active transportation to and from school for National Bike to School Day.

Schools, cities, volunteer groups, and public health, transportation, and law enforcement agencies unite to organize [Bike to School Day](#) events from coast to coast – all to support the benefits of choosing student-powered transportation.

As of today, over 2,500 schools in all 50 states have registered events on the official Bike to School Day website, [walkbiketoschool.org](http://walkbiketoschool.org). The success of Bike to School Day is thanks to the enthusiasm and commitment of schools, communities, and families from Hawaii to Maine – all determined to build a safer environment for pedestrians and bicyclists.

“National Bike to School Day celebrates the benefits of active transportation,” said Deputy Administrator Heidi King, of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. “It’s a great opportunity for schools and communities to highlight the importance of safe riding habits.”

Bike to School Day events are taking place nationwide on May 9, 2018, and throughout the month of May, National Bike Month.

“Over the years, we have learned that communities participate in Bike to School Day to enjoy the fun of biking, highlight the health benefits, and bring people together. Communities have also told us that Bike to School Day presents a great opportunity to identify any needed safety improvements to make biking to school safer and more welcoming,” said Nancy Pullen-Seufert, Director of the National Center for Safe Routes to School. “We greatly admire participating communities’ passion and leadership who use this day to envision places where children, youth and their families have safe places to walk and bike.”

The National Bike to School Day media event will take place in Washington, DC where local and national officials and partners will gather at Lincoln Park with over 200 students and other community members from the Capitol Hill neighborhood. Students will participate in bike and helmet safety activities before departing in groups to 17 schools.

To browse the names and locations of registered 2018 events, visit [walkbiketoschool.org/registration/whosbiking.php](http://walkbiketoschool.org/registration/whosbiking.php). Event registration continues throughout the month of May.

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**About National Bike to School Day:** Established in 2012, National Bike to School Day provides an opportunity for schools across the country to celebrate bicycling to school each May. It is an energetic, kid-centric part of National Bike Month and builds on the popularity of International Walk to School Day, held each October. Event partners include [FIA Foundation](#), [Pedestrian Bicycle Information Center](#), the U.S. Department of Transportation’s [Federal Highway Administration](#) and [National Highway Traffic](#)

[Safety Administration](#), and the National Center for Safe Routes to School. For more information, visit [walkbiketoschool.org](http://walkbiketoschool.org).

**About the National Center for Safe Routes to School:** The National Center for Safe Routes to School (National Center) is committed to empowering communities to make walking and bicycling to school a safe, appealing, preferred choice for families. The National Center facilitates communities in becoming places for safe walking and bicycling for everyone starting with children and the trip to school. In 2016, the National Center launched the “Vision Zero for Youth” initiative, which includes encouraging elected officials to use walk and bike to school events to voice their commitment to safe walking and bicycling and the elimination of fatal and serious traffic crashes.

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