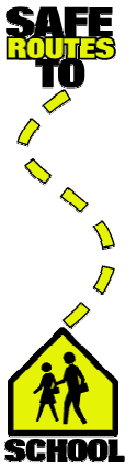


Grand Marais Safe Routes to School Kick-off Meeting

When: Thursday, April 23, 2009
Time: 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Jane Mianowski Conference Center

Grand Marais' Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program planning kicks-off with a visit from a national SRTS expert, Mark Plotz from the National Center for Bicycling and Walking. Mark will observe the morning drop-off with community members and then facilitate discussion on finding possible solutions and setting goals for Grand Marais SRTS.



- 2:30p.m.-2: 40p.m. 1. Welcome and Introductions
Gwen Carmen welcomes everyone introduces Mark and Ellen and asks attendees to introduce themselves.

- 2:40p.m.-3:00p.m. 2. Brief overview of SRTS
Mark and Ellen will briefly present background on the national and Minnesota SRTS programs.

- 3:00 pm.-3:30 p.m. 3. Observe with Mark the afternoon pick-up outside Sawtooth Elementary
Take a short walk to observe student pick-up and other safety concerns near the ISD #166 school campus and Great Expectations School

- 3:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m. 4. Discussion on observed and perceived safety concerns/issues/barriers
Mark leads discussion on identified safety issues seen this afternoon and common concerns.

- 3:45 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. 5. Possible solutions
Mark leads discussion with a focus on low-cost solutions, walking school bus/ bike trains, block captains, etc.

- 4:15 p.m.- 4:45 p.m. 6. Develop goals for Grand Marais SRTS
Mark facilitates discussion and development of some initial goals

- 4:45p.m.-5:00 p.m. 7. What is next?
Ellen reviews the general SRTS planning process with attendees and the next step tasks are assigned for Parent survey and Classroom student tally distribution.