



Learning for a Lifetime

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Dear parents/guardians and employees:

We all want to feel safe in our communities and especially our schools whether we are there to learn, work, play or visit. The safety of SD43's 32,000 students, 4,300 employees, and thousands of parents, visitors and community members in and around our 70 schools is very important to all of us and by working together we can help make school zones safer for everyone!

To that end, we are asking everyone to help us communicate our "Make School Zones Safer" messages now posted on district and school websites and social media channels. Follow the links to learn about the laws, school rules and best practices for safe driving and walking, and help us communicate these important messages through your networks to remind everyone to "slow down and look around" in and around school zones.

Here are a few of the important messages you will see:

- Every school day, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., a 30 km/h speed limit is in effect in school zones unless otherwise posted.
- Please drive slowly and be extra alert in darkness, rain, ice, and snowy weather conditions.
- When walking, be aware and alert of traffic, follow pedestrian rules, use crosswalks, and wear bright clothing.
- When dropping off and picking up children, please use your school's proper drop-off area and rules, allow children to exit your car on the side closest to a sidewalk, and be patient while others drop their children off.

Visit this webpage for more information and tips: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Resources/ParentResources/Pages/trafficsafety.aspx>

Thank you to our school administrators, staff, parent volunteers, police and city partners who are already helping make school zones safer, and to everyone for your efforts in helping SD43 communicate these important messages.

Sincerely,

Patricia Gartland
Superintendent of Schools