



# SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

HASTINGS - ON - HUDSON  
2019

# *Why Safe Routes to School?*

- Increases walking and bicycling to school; students healthier
- Decreases traffic dangers; students are safer
- Lowers transportation costs for school districts & families
- Reduces traffic congestion
- Improves air quality

(Data and findings from Safe Routes Partnership, a national non-profit)



## Goals of *Safe Routes to School*

- Where it's safe, get children walking and biking
- Where it's not, make changes





## History & Evolution of SRTS in Hastings

- *Complete Streets Initiative* passed in 2014
- More pedestrian, school & bike safe recommendations begin to be implemented
- More safe routes established with *Route 9 Resolution* in 2016



# Hastings SRTS Partners with a Cross Section of Community Leaders



## SRTS Partnership

- ★ PTSA Traffic Safety Committee
- ★ Climate Smart Communities Task Force
- ★ Village officials
- ★ School Administrators
- ★ Interested Parents, Students, and Residents

# The 6 E's of *Safe Routes to School*

★ **EDUICATION**

★ **EQUITY**

★ **ENCOURAGEMENT**

★ **ENFORCEMENT**

★ **ENGINEERING**

★ **EVALUATION**

# CROSS SAFE



**STOP**



**LOOK**




**WAVE**


## CROSSWALK SAFETY - AS EASY AS 1,2,3

*Don't assume drivers see you! They may be distracted or you may be hidden from view.*

*Don't assume drivers will always stop because "pedestrians have the right of way"!*

 **STOP** in the crosswalk near the curb to be seen by oncoming traffic.

 **LOOK** both ways. Make eye contact with any approaching drivers.

 When vehicle has stopped, exchange a **WAVE** with the driver.  
This is your cue to cross safely. *Always stay alert as you cross!*



# **SLOW DOWN HASTINGS**



## **EDUCATION**

- *Cross Safe: Stop, Look, Wave* signs installed at crosswalks throughout Village starting in 2017.
- *Promoting Safety Around Hastings' Schools* flier mailed to FMS parents starting in Summer 2017.
- Police Chief Dosin has been providing crosswalk safety workshops at FMS and HHS since 2019.

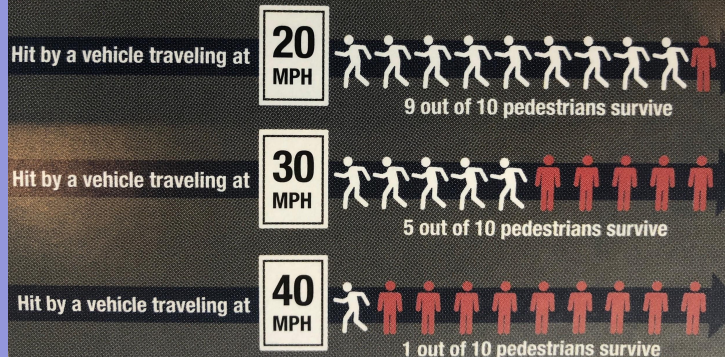


## As a HOH Pace Car driver, I pledge to:

- Drive within the speed limit and obey all traffic regulations, especially near schools.
- Share the road safely with pedestrians, bicyclists, and other drivers.
- Yield to pedestrians who are within the crosswalk and at unmarked intersections.
- Put my phone down while driving. I will not drive while texting or making phone calls (even making hands-free phone calls impairs safe driving).
- Walk, bike, carpool, or use public transportation whenever possible.
- Display the HOH PACE CAR magnet and decal on my car.
- Encourage others to take the HOH PACE CAR pledge.



### ✓ I Pledge to obey the speedlimit.



## ENCOURAGE -MENT

- *Hastings-on-Hudson (HOH) Pace Car* program was started in fall 2017 by the PTSA.
- Small card included with Pace Car magnet provides parents with a reminder of their pledge and some education of how speed impacts the survival of pedestrians hit by vehicles.



# ENGINEERING

→ Additional stop signs, crosswalks and sidewalks provided to enhance *Safe Routes to School* (including Hillside Ave & Chauncey Lane crosswalk, off Reynolds Park).

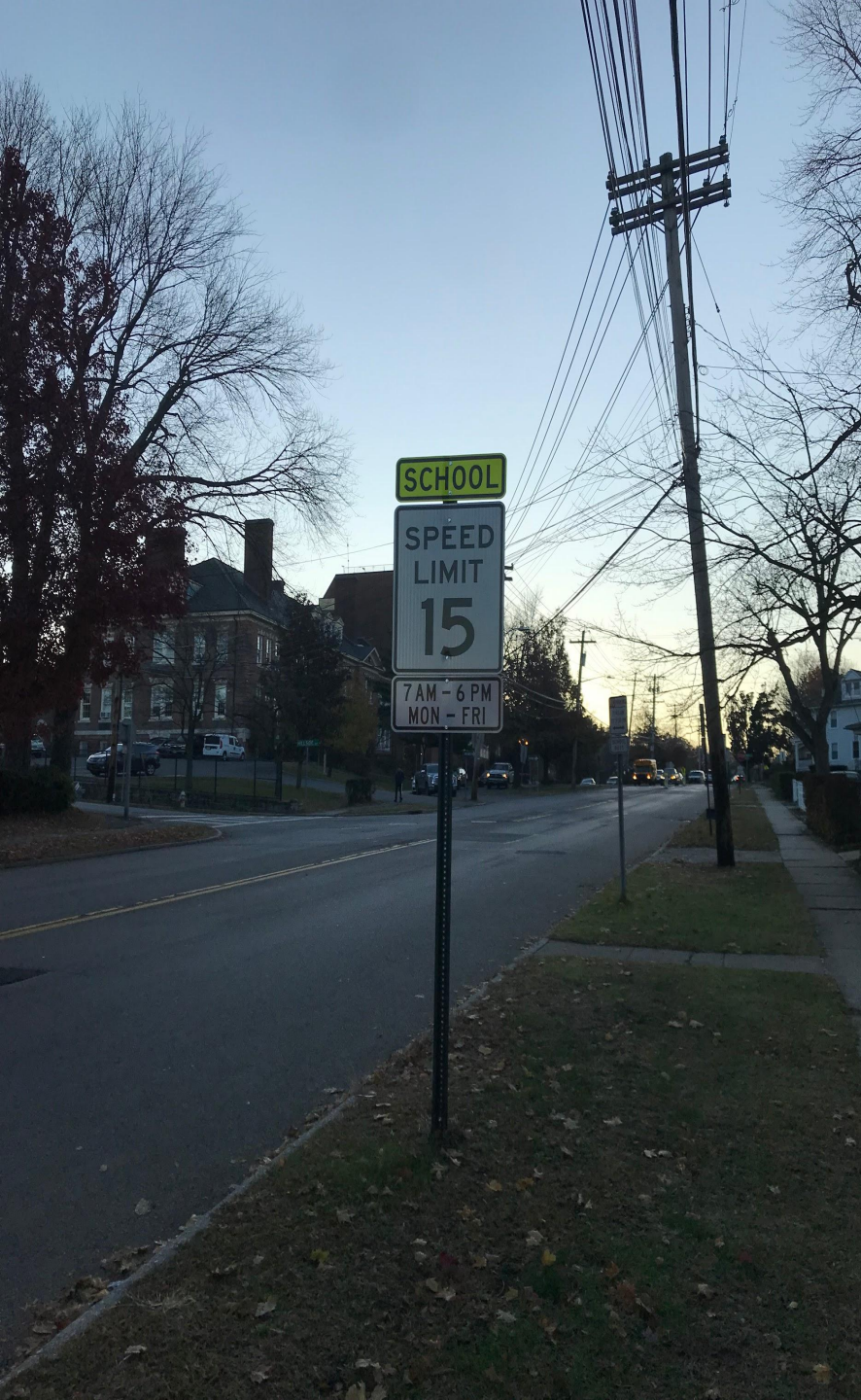
→ The Village hired a Traffic Engineering firm in 2017 to further study traffic, and related student and pedestrian safety, issues.

# EQUITY

→ In summer 2017, Hastings PTSA hired a college intern to map out safe routes to school in the Southern Corridor which had fewer safe routes to school.

→ Based on those findings and the Traffic Engineering report recommendations, the *Safe Routes to School* Committee will make recommendations for sidewalks, crosswalks and stop signs to improve safe walking access to school where it is needed the most.





# ENFORCEMENT & EEVALUATION

- In September 2018, the Village of Hastings passed an ordinance lowering the speed limit to 15 mph in the School Zone, and signs were installed soon after in Spring 2019.
- We are working on improving enforcement.
- Traffic Engineering firm's recommendations, begun in 2017, proposes how to fix traffic flow around the upper school.



## Growing *Safe Routes to School*

- Continuing to build on recent momentum and successes
- Much more to be done
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