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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Slow Down for School Safety *Carbondale schools are back in session*

Carbondale, CO – Local schools are back in session and the entire Carbondale community is urged to – please – slow down. In addition to avoiding distracted driving, biking, or walking, obeying school zone speed limits, and following your school's drop-off procedures, consider reviewing more targeted safety measures with your family.

Teach kids who walk to school to:

- Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available; when on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections

Teach kids who bike to school to:

- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in a single file
- Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections

Teach kids who take the school bus to:

- Stand 6 feet (or three giant steps) away from the curb
- If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, teach them to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the bus; your child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other

If you drive your kids to school

- Make eye contact with children who are crossing the street

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- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus

If your teen is driving to school:

- Car crashes are the No. 1 cause of death for teens. It is imperative to practice with new drivers weekly before and after they get their license.
- Set a good example; drive the way you want your teen to drive

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