

How to Improve Walkability

Around Rochester's Schools



In 2014-2015, Healthi Kids collaborated with parents and community members at three Rochester City School District elementary schools in the Southwest Quadrant (Schools #2, #10 and #19) to develop recommendations to improve walkability in their neighborhood.

- 1** Restripe eight faded crosswalks & piloting a colorful crosswalk project around schools #2, #10, & #19 to promote traffic calming and notify motorists of pedestrian crossings.



- 2** Install speed trailers on major streets near schools to alert motorists to their speed; or installing speed tubes on major streets to allow the City of Rochester to gather traffic data.



- 3** Update faded street signage around schools to improve visibility for kids walking to school.



- 4** Repair uneven sidewalks in school zones to reduce the likelihood of kids falling or tripping on their walk to school; and to ensure compliance with the American Disabilities Act.



- 5** Install two new crosswalks at busy intersections



- Expand upon the City of Rochester School Walking Route Maps to include crossing guards at three new intersections



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- Create a four way stop in front of School #10 to force motorists to stop in the school zone



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- Establish a walking school bus program to ensure children have supervision while walking to school



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- Replicate the walkability assessment in each Rochester quadrant to assess the barriers children face when walking to and from school



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- Expanding recruitment strategies for the crossing guard program to include additional advertising in the community.

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