



Progress and Activity Report - Georgia Safe Routes to School: Task Order 9

New Partner- Hambrick Elementary School (DeKalb County)

School Outreach Coordinator Highlights

Hambrick Elementary School (New Partner, DeKalb County)

Hambrick Elementary School was one of six schools awarded the Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) grant through the DeKalb County Board of Health. As a part of the ongoing partnership between SOC Nykia and DeKalb BOH, Hambrick Elementary School partnered with the Safe Routes to School Resource Center and will utilize the CPPW grant to implement a Safe Routes to School Program. On November 9th, Nykia assisted Hambrick and DeKalb BOH staff with conducting a school walk audit. This assessment established priorities for utilizing the grant funds, as well as opportunities for education and encouragement strategies. Nykia will continue to work with the SRTS team to develop programs and activities for the spring semester kick-off to SRTS at Hambrick.

Huntley Hills Elementary (Potential Partner, DeKalb County)

SOC Nykia identified Huntley Hills Elementary School as an excellent opportunity for the DeKalb County Board of Health's Communities Putting Prevention to Work Grant. This neighborhood school has participated in Walk to School Day events in the past; however, lack of support from parents and school staff has resulted in the efforts dwindling over time. Nykia has worked diligently with the school's PE coach and new principal to revitalize pedestrian and bicycle safety efforts at the school. The \$5,000 CPPW grant, in addition to support from Nykia and the Resource Center, will be utilized to develop a sustainable SRTS program at Huntley Hills. Nykia assisted Huntley Hills and DeKalb BOH staff with conducting a school Walk Audit to establish baseline needs and will continue to provide support for program growth. Huntley Hills is expected to officially Partner during December.

Campbell Elementary School (Bronze-level Partner, Fulton County)

In just a few short months of partnership, Campbell Elementary School has achieved Bronze-level status and is working toward Silver. Students participated in the school's second walking event of the year, a November Turkey Trot to school. Parents were encouraged to utilize a designated Park and Walk site, and everyone walked together to the school gym. SOC Nykia is assisting the School Champion with establishing monthly Walk to School day events, in addition to providing in-class education.

Brockett Elementary School, Partner (DeKalb County)

SOC Nykia met with Brockett Elementary's School Champion and principal during November to assist with next steps. This new partner school has already begun planning for winter and spring, including planning bicycle and pedestrian safety activities during career day, Georgia Walk to School Day, and National Bike Month activities. Nykia provided materials and talking points for the November PTA and staff meetings. Student travel tally collection is expected this month. Nykia will continue to provide support for planned activities and events.

Woodstock Elementary (Silver-level Partner, Cherokee County)

Lynn Torres has served as the School Champion for Woodstock Elementary since 2010 and continues to do great work with SRTS. Mrs. Torres plans to hold four Walk to School Days this year, as well as hold a bike rodeo in cooperation with Safe Kids Cherokee County, a Friend of the Resource Center. The school plans several walking field trips to nearby downtown Woodstock each year, and Mrs. Torres intends to have teachers use the pedestrian safety education curriculum from the Resource Center to prepare for these trips.

West Side Elementary (Partner, Marietta City)

West Side Elementary is an infrastructure award winner and currently has 30 to 40 walkers each day. The school has participated in a couple of Walk to School Days in the past under a former School Champion. SRTS will now be incorporated into the school's Health and Safety Committee under new School Champion Melody Shelton. The school plans to participate in Georgia Walk to School Day in the spring.

Calhoun City Schools

SOC Alicia met with Mayor Jimmy Palmer, City Administrator Eddie Peterson, and Calhoun Elementary Assistant Principal Jason Hawkins. The city of Calhoun will be using SPLOST funding to build two miles of sidewalks to connect two neighborhoods to the elementary and primary schools, which share a campus. The group is interested in funding from SRTS to further extend this project to additional neighborhoods and make connections to campus. While Alicia explained that there is no current call for infrastructure applications, we can focus on building programs at both schools at present. The schools are planning to complete their student travel tallies and also participate in Georgia Walk to School Day in March. The schools currently have 40 to 50 students who walk to school each day from both schools, but the group hopes to increase that number to help with the overflowing car-rider line.