

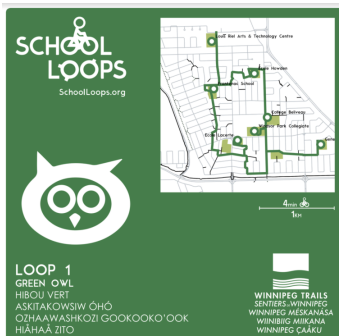


February 7, 2025

Dear Mayors and Councillors of Saanich, Central Saanich, North Saanich and Sidney,

The Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils of Saanich (COPACS), the collective voice of parents in the Saanich School District, is writing to advocate for installation of “Drive to 5 signage” at appropriate points within 5 minutes walks to Saanich Schools within your municipality, as well as signage designating the safest routes to school to support active transportation and reduce congestion around schools at drop-off and pick-up times.

The image of the ‘5 Minutes walk & wheel to school’ sign shown on the right was taken near a Langford elementary school. It designates a spot that is along a quiet route that enables parents to drop off their child at a safe and convenient distance from school.



The [School Loops](#) initiative and signage, installed by the Winnipeg-based Winnipeg Trail Association, designates with maps and signs the quietest routes to and around schools for commuting and classroom/instructional use.

COPACS applauds efforts to support active transportation, including this year’s pilot ‘[walking school bus](#)’ initiative at Keating Elementary school, coordinated by the Child and Youth Society of BC, as well as efforts by the [Ready, Set, Roll program](#) that help get our kids outside, actively rolling/walking to school and eliminating unnecessary congestion and emissions. Increased awareness and support for active transportation through signage and outreach to families would be welcomed and appreciated by our school communities.

With our respects, and in service to our children,

Megan Misovic

Chair COPACS

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