



Proclamation

Whereas, walking or biking to school offers an opportunity to build activity into a child's daily routine, improving health and increasing students' readiness to learn in the classroom; and

Whereas, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes and other health problems among children; and

Whereas, in October, children, parents and community leaders from around the world will join together for Walk to School events to increase awareness about the health and environmental benefits of walking and biking to school; and

Whereas, parents, school employees and community leaders can make a lasting impression among our community's youth by modeling fun, safe, and healthy behavior by accompanying students on Walk to School events.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Olympia School Board proclaims the month of October 2017 as

"Walk to School Month"

in the Olympia School District and encourages everyone to consider the safety and health of children this month and throughout the year.

Signed on the 25th day of September, 2017.

Patrick Murphy
Olympia School District Superintendent

Eileen Thomson
Olympia School District Board President