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## Safe Routes to School Summer Updates and Resources

*The Spin* e-newsletter is taking a "brake" for the summer. We still encourage you to pound the pavement and pedal to summer camps, the swimming pool and around your community. And while there will not be a regular edition of *The Spin* in July, the SRTS Steering Committee will be sending a survey out to the Network. The purpose of this survey is to learn more about who is in the Network how we can better inform and stay connected to advance our shared goal of increasing walking and biking among Colorado kids. We appreciate any and all feedback and will provide more details soon.

Also, it's never too early to register your **Walk to School Day** event. You can start planning this summer and register your school now at <http://walkbiketoschool.org/>.

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## Gov. Hickenlooper signs HB14-1301: Safe Routes to School

Last month, Governor John Hickenlooper signed HB14-1301 Safe Routes to School Funding into law. This bill provides \$700,000 to fund educational efforts in communities across the state through the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program. The SRTS program aims to increase the number of children walking and biking to school, promote safety and reduce traffic congestion around schools. Safe routes for walking and biking can help to reduce the risk of obesity related diseases by providing an opportunity for students to be more active each day as well as help improve air quality.



HB14-1301 was sponsored by Rep. Diane Mitsch Bush (D-26, Routt/Eagle) and Sen. Andy Kerr

(D-22, Jefferson). The American Heart Association, Bicycle Colorado, the Colorado Health Foundation and LiveWell Colorado served as lead supporters for the legislation, along with additional support from Kaiser Permanente, Children's Hospital Colorado, LiveWell community coalitions and numerous bicycle, environmental and children's health advocacy groups. Thanks to all of you who spoke up in support of this legislation- your voice made it happen!

The Colorado Safe Routes to School (SRTS) State Network is a network of individuals, agencies and organizations throughout the state that are working to maximize and promote opportunities for children to safely walk and bike to and from school.

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