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Eagle Families

Several concerns have been shared with our school about the safety of roadways surrounding East Lake High School. Concerns related to traffic and travel around schools in Pinellas County are monitored and addressed by a group known as the STEPS Committee. The STEPS (School Transportation & Enhanced Pedestrian Safety) Committee is comprised of individuals who represent law enforcement, traffic, planning and safety staff from all the major municipalities in Pinellas County. The committee also has members representing All Children's Hospital, Florida Department of Transportation and Pinellas County Schools.

Pinellas County Schools serves as the coordinating body for the Pinellas STEPS Committee and hosts the monthly STEPS committee meetings.

The committee works closely with FORWARD PINELLAS and the Metropolitan Planning Organization to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety throughout the county for all citizens, but the focus is on safe travel to school. Local municipalities provide the school district with information regarding major road construction and the construction of housing developments to allow the district an opportunity to plan for the impact these projects may have on travel to school.

The school district forwards all concerns related to safe travel around schools to the agency responsible for the road or sidewalk in question. Those agencies then investigate the concern and report their findings to STEPS. The responsible agency makes the necessary improvements if the investigation finds that road or sidewalk remediation is required.

Pinellas County Schools has added a request to study the East Lake corridor from Brooker Creek Elementary School to Cypress Woods Elementary School, including the East Lake High/Middle entrance, to the December STEPS committee agenda.

We will be sure to update you with any recommendations or changes that are approved. We want East Lake students to be safe from the moment they leave their house until they arrive home.

Also as a reminder, our semester exams will begin next week. [Click Here](#) for the December 2018 exam schedule.

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