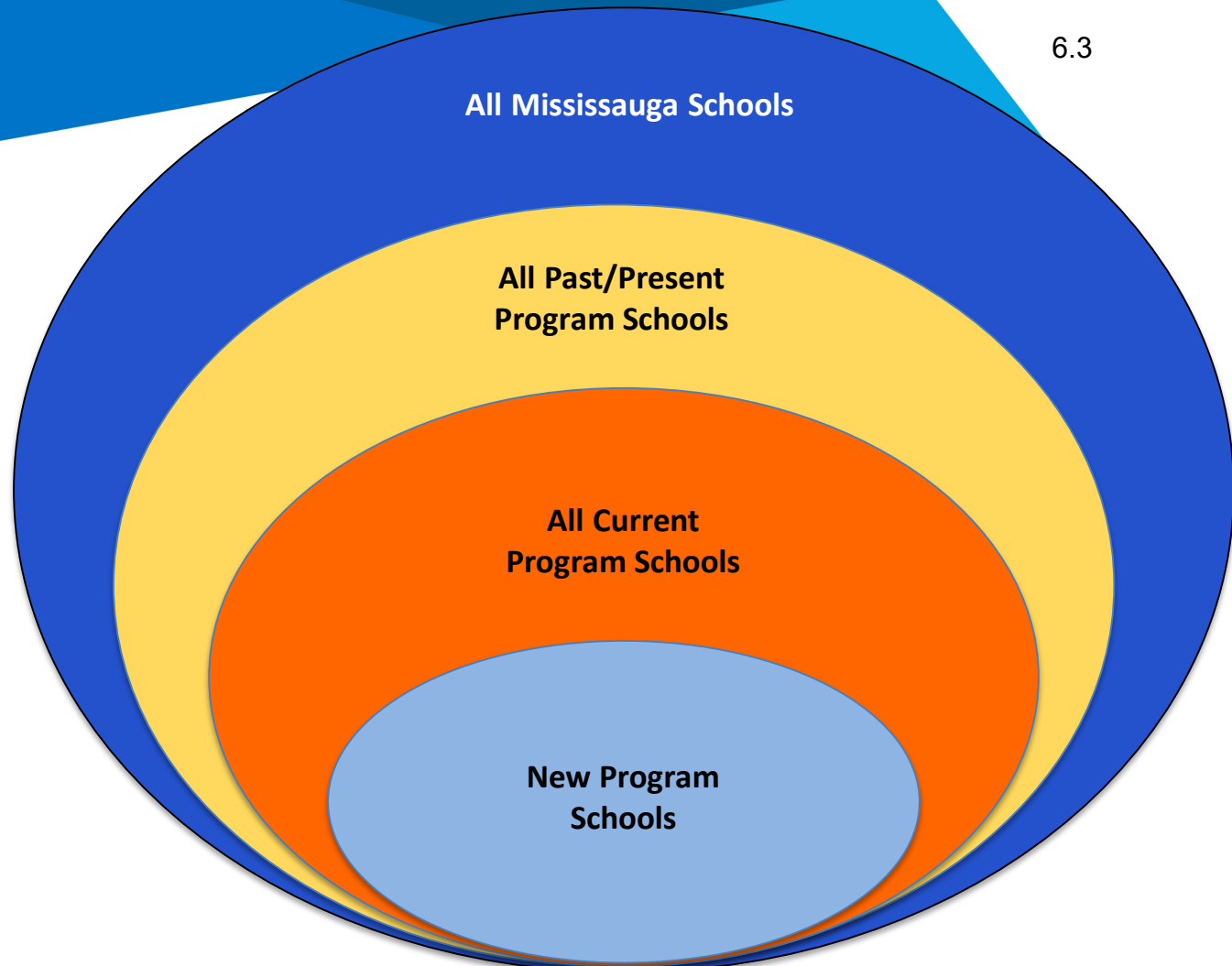




# School Programs: Updates from Active Transportation

Presentation to Traffic Safety Council  
January 26, 2022

# School Walking Routes Program



# All Schools: Winter Walk Month Campaign

- First posts went out this week
- Campaign to Include:
  - Social media
    - City of Mississauga
    - Region of Peel
    - Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
    - DPCDSB
    - PDSB
  - Webpage of activity ideas- Hosted by Region of Peel
  - DPCDSB to advertise the campaign through additional channels



# Past/Present Program Schools

Also:

- Email reminders to School Walking Routes Program Schools
  - Prize pack for schools who share what they are doing for Winter Walk Month
- March edition of **Traffic Safety Times** to feature stories of how schools celebrated Winter Walk Month



## Traffic Safety Times 6.3

Winter Edition, March 2022

A newsletter for the Mississauga School Walking Routes Program

### February is Winter Walk Month

#### Don't hibernate, celebrate! \*

Getting outside in winter takes some planning - it takes extra time to put on all our winter gear! - but it is well worth the effort. Walking and rolling to school and around your neighbourhood in the winter months brings all the usual benefits of walking (e.g. exercise, socializing), plus unique experiences. Can you:

- Hear the crunch of your boots in the snow?
- See the snow on the trees, or icicles on buildings?
- Feel your body warming up as you move?



Champlain Trail PS Community Winter Walk.

### Spotlight: Champlain Trail Public School

On January 15, families from this school community shared their stories about walking to school and learned some history of their community on a Community Storytelling Walk. We walked along designated School Walking Routes, sipping on hot chocolate as we went! Thanks to all who joined us.

### Winter Safety Checklist \*

- **Dress warmly:** Wear layers, and bundle up with a hat, scarf, mittens, jacket, snow pants and boots.
- **Take your time:** When crossing the road where there are snow banks, step out slowly to make sure cars can see you and are able to stop.
- **Let the City know:** If sidewalks and paths along your route to school are icy or covered in snow, call 311.

### How will your school celebrate? \*

Register your participation in Winter Walk Month for a chance to win a \$200 Scholar's Choice gift card! [ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca/winter-walk-day](https://ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca/winter-walk-day)

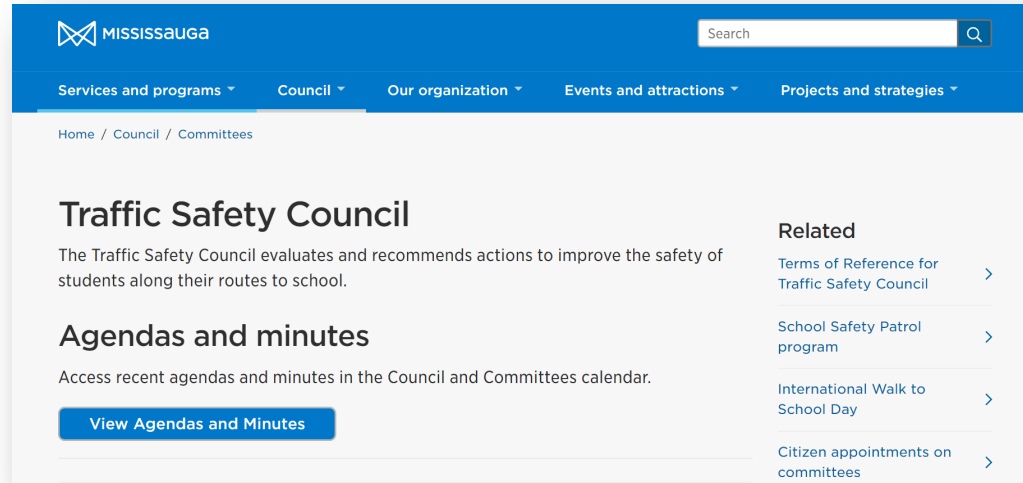
### Winter Walk Word Search

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Words to find: SNOW • EXCITEMENT  
HAT • MITTENS • ICICLE • GO  
FRIENDS • WALK • SLED • FUN

# All Schools: Webpage

- **Will go live by next week!**
- Program Description
- Central place to display program resources (e.g. maps and Traffic Safety Times newsletters) and links to external related resources



## Current Program Schools: Participant Recap

- Winter/spring cohort schools to receive invites by end of this week
- Fall/winter cohort schools wrapping up end of February
- **Highlights and future plans- stay tuned!**






# New Program Schools: School Selection

- We had a planning meeting in November
  - Criteria for new schools to invite still TBD
- Program referrals may still come in via TSC
- Program website will also allow schools to request to participate

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Mississauga School  
Walking Routes Program  
Let's Walk and Roll to School!

Support and Resources for your School:

Signed Walking Routes to Your School

- ☐ Based on feedback from your school community
- ☐ Signs mark the way and alert drivers to watch for children travelling to school

Community Map of School Walking Routes

- ☐ Custom map of your school walking routes to share with your school community

Launch Event

- ☐ A celebration of walking and wheeling to school
- ☐ T-shirts for staff and volunteers
- ☐ Giveaways for students and families who walk or wheel


Program Support for Active School Travel Activities (Choose up to 4)

- ☐ Classroom Education Programs (Recommended)
- ☐ Community Storytelling Walk
- ☐ Active School Travel Celebration Event
- ☐ EcoSchools Program Support
- ☐ Information Booth or Presentation at School Event (In Person or Virtual)
- ☐ Other Active School Travel Related Activity of Your Choice

Resources to Support Ongoing Programming at Your School

- ☐ Communications Materials
- ☐ Activity Ideas and Resources

[mississauga.ca/activetransport](https://mississauga.ca/activetransport)

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## Introducing: School Streets



- Create temporary car-free environments in front of schools at start and/or end of school day
- Make space for walking, cycling and other active travel



## Introducing: School Streets



- Why School Streets?
  - Improves road safety
  - Creates opportunities for kids to be active
  - Benefits mental health and focus at school
  - Improves air quality at and around schools
  - Builds community

# School Streets Pilot Project

- To Launch May 2022 at 2 sites
  - 3 weeks per location
- West Location: Hillside PS
- East Location: St Alfred Separate School and Brian W. Fleming PS
- Local project planning teams developed and meeting this winter; Community Meetings in April 2022
- **We will need volunteers!**



■■■■■■■■ Road Closure Area (No Through Traffic)



In progress City project

## School Streets pilot project

Three schools in the city will be taking part in a School Streets pilot project, which will create safe and community-friendly spaces for residents to get to school.

**For more information:**

**[Mississauga.ca/schoolstreets](https://Mississauga.ca/schoolstreets)**

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