

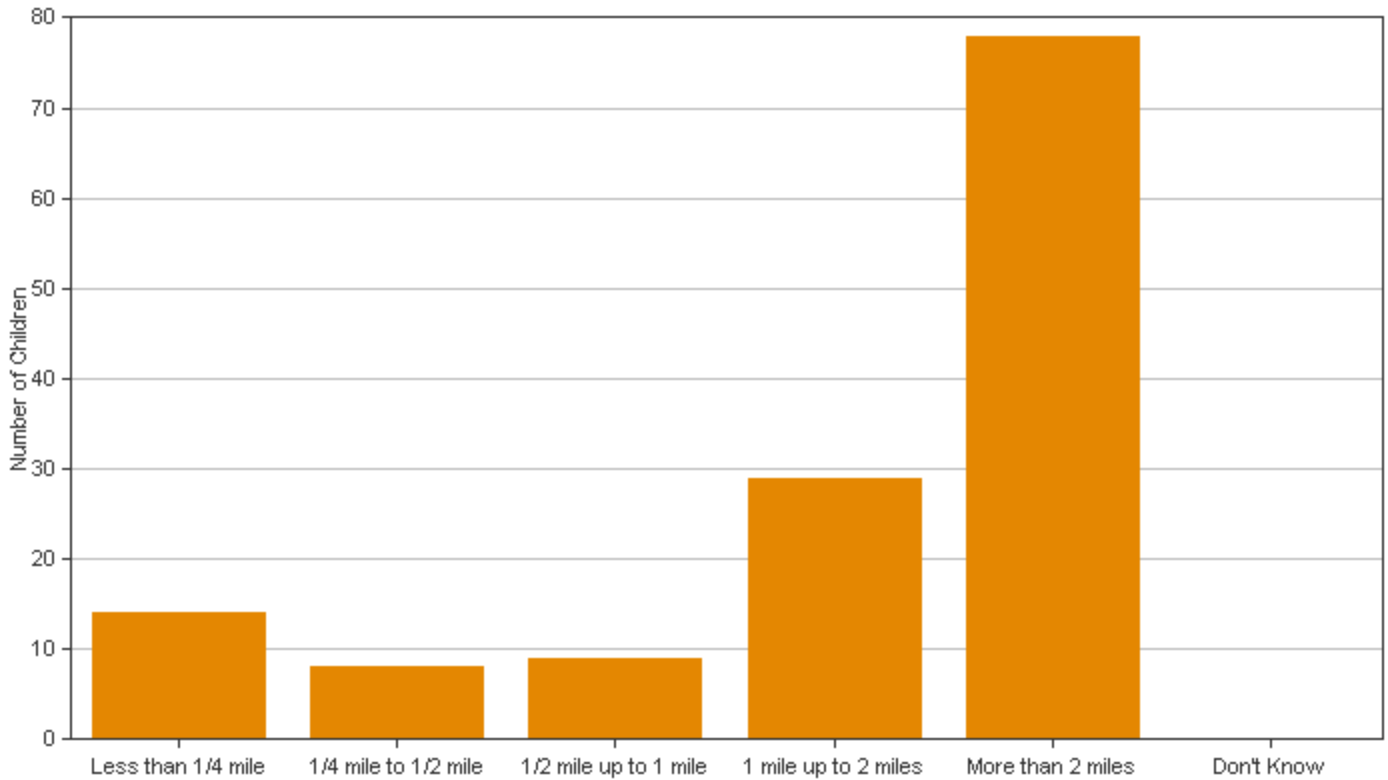
## Parent Survey Summary Report:

### Process Summary Information:

<b>Program Name:</b>	La Crosse County Health Dept	<b>Survey Data Collected:</b>	Fall2009
<b>School Name:</b>	West Salem Wlementary	<b>Data Collection Phase:</b>	pre (pre = Before program began mid = During program; post = After program ended)
<b>Reported Enrollment:</b>	700	<b>Number of Surveys Distributed:</b>	400
<b>Date Report Generated:</b>	03/18/2010	<b>Number of Surveys in Report:</b>	140

This report provides information from parents about their perceptions and attitudes on their child walking and bicycling to school. The data used in this report were collected using the Survey about Walking and Biking to School for Parents form from the National Center for Safe Routes to School.

**Number of Children by Distance They Live From School:**

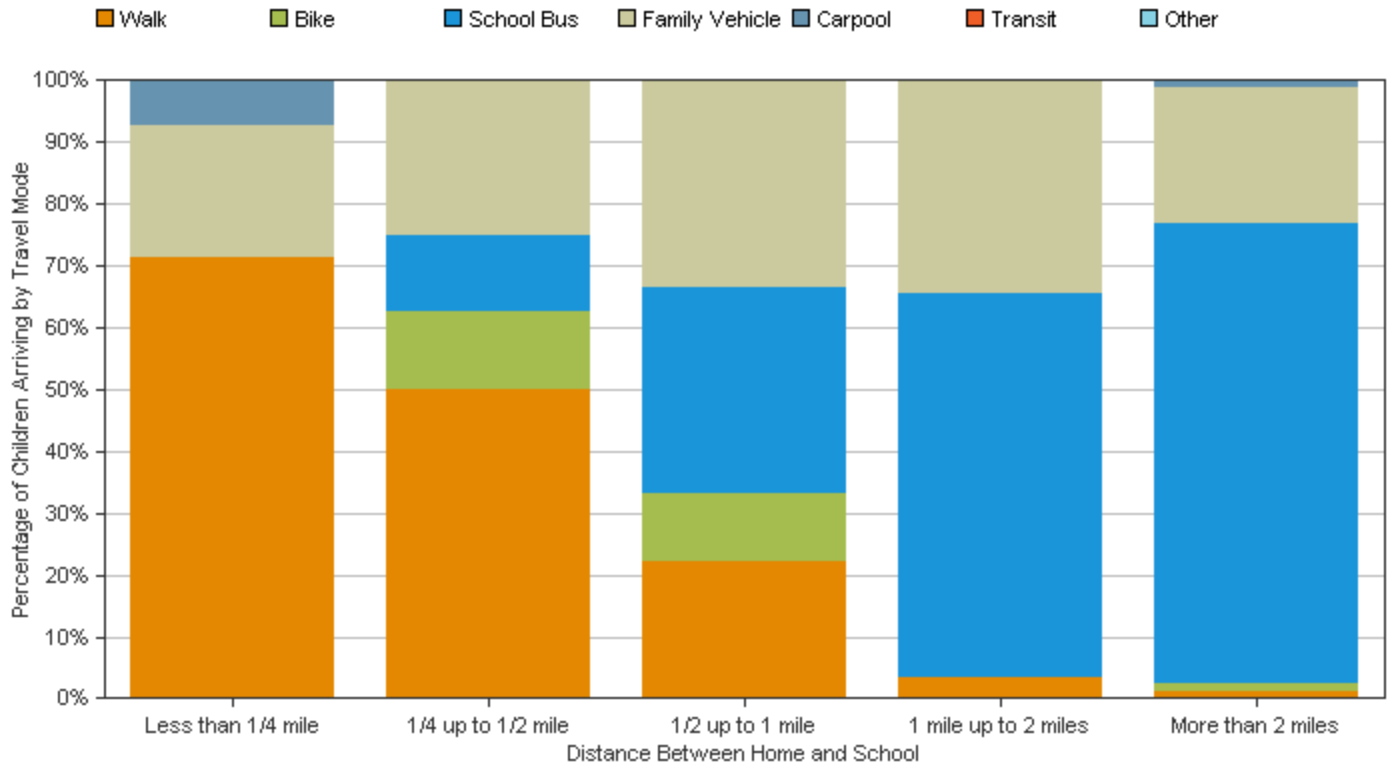


**Number of Children by Distance They Live From School:**

Distance from School	Number of Children
Less than 1/4 mile	14 (10.1%)
1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	8 (5.8%)
1/2 mile up to 1 mile	9 (6.5%)
1 mile up to 2 miles	29 (21.0%)
More than 2 miles	78 (56.5%)
Don't know	0 (0%)
No response: 2	

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### Percentage of Children by Travel Mode to School and Distance Between Home and School:



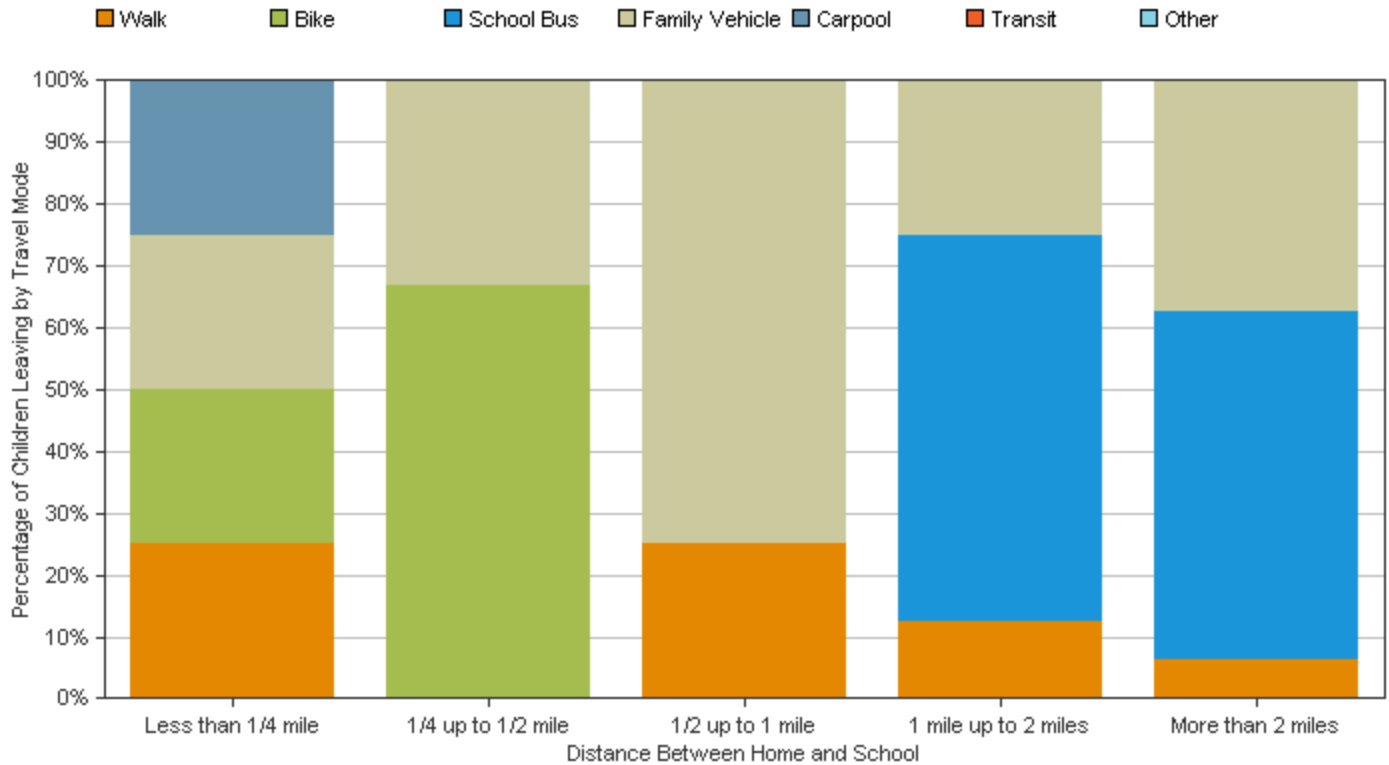
### Number of Children by Travel Mode to School and Distance Between Home and School:

Mode	Less than 1/4 mile	1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	1/2 mile up to 1 mile	1 mile up to 2 miles	More than 2 miles	Row Totals by Mode
Walk	10 (7.2%)	4 (2.9%)	2 (1.4%)	1 (0.7%)	1 (0.7%)	18 (12.9%)
Bike	0 (0%)	1 (0.7%)	1 (0.7%)	0 (0%)	1 (0.7%)	3 (2.1%)
School Bus	0 (0%)	1 (0.7%)	3 (2.2%)	18 (13.0%)	58 (42.0%)	80 (57.9%)
Family Vehicle	3 (2.2%)	2 (1.4%)	3 (2.2%)	10 (7.2%)	17 (12.3%)	35 (25.3%)
Carpool	1 (0.7%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (0.7%)	2 (1.4%)
Transit	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
<b>Column Totals by Distance</b>	14 (10.1%)	8 (5.7%)	9 (6.5%)	29 (20.9%)	78 (56.4%)	

No Response: 2

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**Percentage of Children by Travel Mode from School and Distance Between Home and School:**



**Number of Children by Travel Mode from School and Distance Between School and Home:**

Mode	Less than 1/4 mile	1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	1/2 mile up to 1 mile	1 mile up to 2 miles	More than 2 miles	Row Totals by Mode
Walk	1 (2.9%)	0 (0%)	1 (2.9%)	1 (2.9%)	1 (2.9%)	4 (11.6%)
Bike	1 (2.9%)	2 (5.7%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (8.6%)
School Bus	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (14.3%)	9 (25.7%)	14 (40%)
Family Vehicle	1 (2.9%)	1 (2.9%)	3 (8.6%)	2 (5.7%)	6 (17.1%)	13 (37.2%)
Carpool	1 (2.9%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (2.9%)
Transit	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
<b>Column Totals by Distance</b>	4 (11.6%)	3 (8.6%)	4 (11.5%)	8 (22.9%)	16 (45.7%)	

No Response: 105

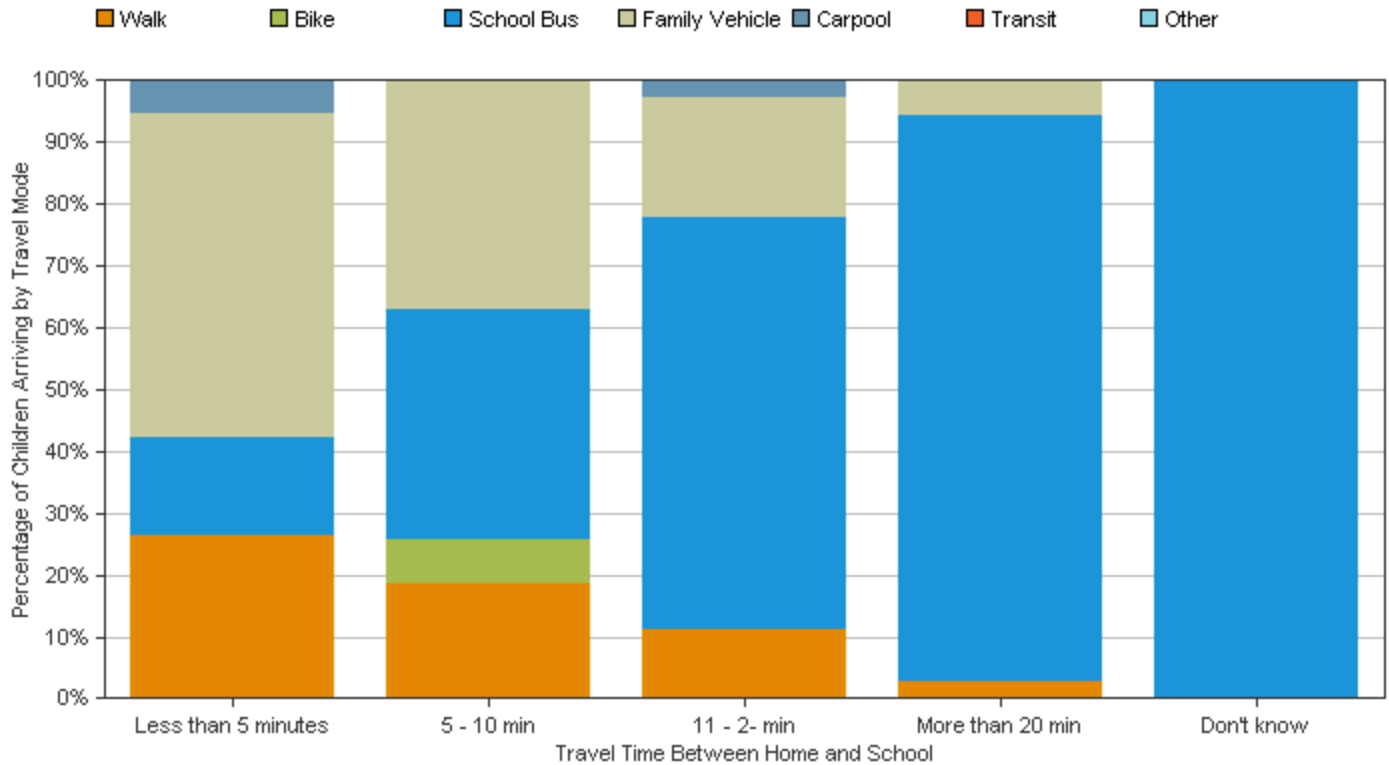
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**Number of Children by School Arrival Travel Mode and Travel Time to School:**

<b>Travel Mode</b>	<b>Less than 5 min</b>	<b>5 - 10 min</b>	<b>11 - 20 min</b>	<b>More than 20 min</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	<b>Row Totals by Mode</b>
Walk	5 (3.6%)	8 (5.8%)	4 (2.9%)	1 (0.7%)	0 (0%)	18 (13%)
Bike	0 (0%)	3 (2.2%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (2.2%)
School Bus	3 (2.2%)	16 (11.7%)	24 (17.5%)	32 (23.4%)	4 (2.9%)	79 (57.7%)
Family Vehicle	10 (7.3%)	16 (11.7%)	7 (5.1%)	2 (1.5%)	0 (0%)	35 (25.6%)
Carpool	1 (0.7%)	0 (0%)	1 (0.7%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (1.4%)
Transit	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
<b>Column Totals by Time</b>	19 (13.8%)	43 (31.4%)	36 (26.2%)	35 (25.6%)	4 (2.9%)	
<i>No Response: 3</i>						

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### Percentage of Children by Travel Time to School and School Arrival Travel Mode:



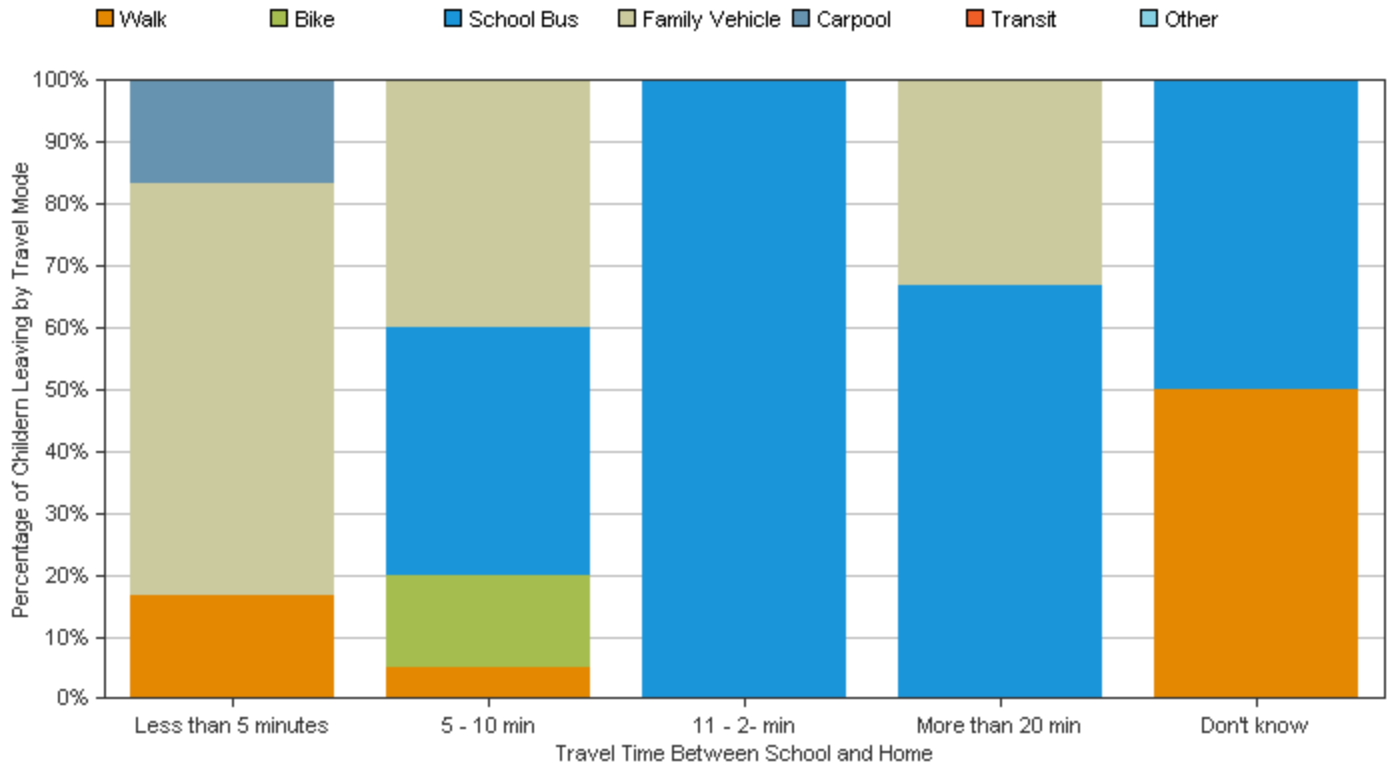
### Number of Children by School Departure Mode and Travel Time from School:

Travel Mode	Less than 5 min	5 - 10 min	11 - 20 min	More than 20 min	Don't know	Row Totals by Mode
Walk	1 (2.9%)	1 (2.9%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (2.9%)	3 (8.7%)
Bike	0 (0%)	3 (8.8%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (8.8%)
School Bus	0 (0%)	8 (23.5%)	3 (8.8%)	2 (5.9%)	1 (2.9%)	14 (41.1%)
Family Vehicle	4 (11.8%)	8 (23.5%)	0 (0%)	1 (2.9%)	0 (0%)	13 (38.2%)
Carpool	1 (2.9%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (2.9%)
Transit	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Other	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
<b>Column Totals by Time</b>	6 (17.6%)	20 (58.7%)	3 (8.8%)	3 (8.8%)	2 (5.8%)	

No Response: 106

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**Percentage of Children by Travel Time from School and School Departure Travel Mode:**



**Number of Children Who Have Asked Their Parent for Permission to Walk or Bike to/from School in the Last Year Separated by Distance They Live from School:**

Distance from School	Have Asked	Have Not Asked
Less than 1/4 mile	11 (8.1%)	3 (2.2%)
1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	7 (5.1%)	1 (0.7%)
1/2 mile up to 1 mile	6 (4.4%)	3 (2.2%)
1 mile up to 2 miles	8 (5.9%)	20 (14.7%)
More than 2 miles	9 (6.6%)	68 (50.0%)
<i>No Response: 4</i>		

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**Grade When Parent Would Allow Child Walk or Bike to/from School without an Adult Separated by Distance They Live from School:**

Grade	Less than 1/4 mile	1/4 mile up to 1/2 mile	1/2 mile up to 1 mile	1 mile up to 2 miles	More than 2 miles
Kindergarten	1 (0.8%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
1st Grade	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
2nd Grade	5 (3.8%)	2 (1.5%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (0.8%)
3rd Grade	2 (1.5%)	2 (1.5%)	1 (0.8%)	0 (0%)	2 (1.5%)
4th Grade	1 (0.8%)	3 (2.3%)	1 (0.8%)	2 (1.5%)	2 (1.5%)
5th Grade	1 (0.8%)	0 (0%)	5 (3.8%)	3 (2.3%)	3 (2.3%)
6th Grade	1 (0.8%)	1 (0.8%)	0 (0%)	5 (3.8%)	4 (3.0%)
7th Grade	2 (1.5%)	0 (0%)	1 (0.8%)	5 (3.8%)	3 (2.3%)
8th Grade	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (0.8%)
Not at any Grade	1 (0.8%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	12 (9.0%)	55 (41.4%)

*No Response: 7*

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**Issues which Affect Parent's Decision to Allow or Not Allow Their Child to Walk or Bike to/from School Separated by Children who Do and Do Not Already Walk or Bike To/From School:**

Issue	Child walks/bikes to school	Child does not walk/bike to school
Distance	2 (8.3%)	74 (63.8%)
Convenience of driving	0 (0.0%)	7 (6.0%)
Time	1 (4.2%)	31 (26.7%)
Before/after-school activities	1 (4.2%)	10 (8.6%)
Traffic speed along route to school	3 (12.5%)	64 (55.2%)
Traffic volume along route	3 (12.5%)	66 (56.9%)
Adults to walk/bike with	1 (4.2%)	20 (17.2%)
Sidewalks or pathways	2 (8.3%)	20 (17.2%)
Safety of intersections & crossings	4 (16.7%)	55 (47.4%)
Crossing guards	1 (4.2%)	19 (16.4%)
Violence or crime	4 (16.7%)	49 (42.2%)
Weather or climate	3 (12.5%)	50 (43.1%)
Number of Respondents Per Category	24	116

*No Response: 0*

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**For Parents Whose Children Do Not Walk or Bike to/from School, Number of Parents Responding to question: Would You Probably let Your Child Walk or Bike to/from School Issues Were Changed or Improved?**

Issue	Number of parents reporting that:		
	Change Would affect decision	Change Would Not affect decision	Not Sure if change would affect decision
Distance	57 (49.1%)	38 (32.8%)	15 (12.9%)
Convenience of driving	6 (5.2%)	25 (21.6%)	4 (3.4%)
Time	23 (19.8%)	29 (25.0%)	7 (6.0%)
Before/after-school activities	9 (7.8%)	25 (21.6%)	4 (3.4%)
Traffic speed along route to school	52 (44.8%)	30 (25.9%)	9 (7.8%)
Traffic volume along route	54 (46.6%)	31 (26.7%)	11 (9.5%)
Adults to walk/bike with	25 (21.6%)	22 (19.0%)	7 (6.0%)
Sidewalks or pathways	27 (23.3%)	21 (18.1%)	3 (2.6%)
Safety of intersections & crossings	45 (38.8%)	25 (21.6%)	5 (4.3%)
Crossing guards	23 (19.8%)	19 (16.4%)	4 (3.4%)
Violence or crime	22 (19.0%)	27 (23.3%)	7 (6.0%)
Weather or climate	34 (29.3%)	32 (27.6%)	8 (6.9%)
Number of Respondents That Selected at Least 1 Issue: 116			
<i>No Response: 0</i>			

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**Number of Parents Who Feel Their Child's School Encourages or Discourages Walking and Biking to/from School:**

	<b>Strongly Encourage</b>	<b>Encourage</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Discourage</b>	<b>Strongly Discourage</b>
Number	10 (7.5%)	64 (47.8%)	56 (41.8%)	1 (0.7%)	3 (2.2%)

*No Response: 6*

**Number of Parents Reporting the Level of Fun Walking and Biking to/from School is for Their Child:**

	<b>Very Fun</b>	<b>Fun</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Boring</b>	<b>Very Boring</b>
Number	9 (7.4%)	45 (37.2%)	62 (51.2%)	2 (1.7%)	3 (2.5%)

*No Response: 19*

**Number of Parents Reporting How Healthy Walking and Biking to/from School is for Their Child:**

	<b>Very Healthy</b>	<b>Healthy</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Unhealthy</b>	<b>Very Unhealthy</b>
<b>Number</b>	59 (45.7%)	47 (36.4%)	21 (16.3%)	0 (0%)	2 (1.7%)

*No Response: 11*

## Parent Comments

This table displays the comments provided by parents as part of this Parent Survey. These comments have been entered in two ways — they may have been entered by the local program, or they may have been scanned and processed by the National Center for Safe Routes to School (NCSRTS). Comments scanned and processed by NCSRTS may have not been edited for content, spelling, and other typographical errors that may have as part of the scanning and handwriting recognition process.

Comments from: West Salem Wlementary

SurveyID	Comment
1498121	Dangerous Highway-my chidl would be forced to cross Hwy 16-it's too busy as well as no crossing guard
1498122	I would love for my children to bike/walk to school if I felt confident that a crossing guard/walking school bus were utilized, particularly at the intersection of Brickl Rd. and Hwy 16. The crossing light is too short.
1498123	My child only walks to school because he walks with two other siblings (both older) along with an older cousin and myself (most of the time). I think the exercise is vital to his academics!
1498124	My children ride the bus to school which is a long ride, we live out in the country. If I was in town I would not feel comfortable at all having my children walk or ride their bikes to school for the following reasons; fear of kidnapping, too cold in our winter months, they could be injured on busy roads
1498125	We live too far from school, and biking or walking down Hwy 16 is much too dangerous. However, we do take our kids on walks after school and on weekends.
1498126	We live too far and by too many busy highways to walk or bike to school.
1498127	County Road Intersection on Mark is my concern.
1498128	Crossing guards on Garland and Leonard Streets would be great! I don't know if they are provided already or not:)
1498129	You could provide a guard at every intersectino from my house to the school and my children would still not be allowed to walk or bik. The weather in Wisconsin is too unpredictable, safety from child predators to big of a concern and the distance to school is too far. The packs are extremely heavy that they carry. Frankly, I am a little tired of this Safe Walk to School nonsense. There is no safe walk to school in Wisconsin in January. Wake up. Bus all our children. You walk 1.5 miles carrying a 20 pound backpack (when you only weight 75 pounds) and tell me how ready to learn you are when you get to school. If you are so worried about health and exercise-do more in gym class. Most kids these days are busy and active enough as it is. It would take my kids 40 minutes to walk the distance from our house to school- on a nice day.
1498130	My children are open enrolled to West Salm schools. We live five miles from the school on a busy road and would never allow our children to walk that far.
1498131	We open enroll our children and live out in the country. This questionnaire unfortunately, does not pertain to us, unless we moved.
1498132	Survey difficult to fill out R/T our home and distance from school
1498133	I don't think children under 10 should be made to walk more than a block or two. Children can get lost or kidnapped.
1498134	Not sure what the point of the survey is-

1498135	Living outside of town my children don't have a chance to walk or ride a bik to school. Very busy highway!
1498136	Open enrolled student
1498137	Would not allow my child to ride her bike unless there was a seperate bike path off of Hwy 16 and only when she is much older-13 or so-even that would be questionable in this day and age with so much crime and drunk drivers.
1498138	We live out in the country and walking/biking is not an option. If we lived in town that would be different.
1498139	Would never allow my children to walk to school because of our distance from school. Also, I think that it is terrible that we have been cut from summer school bus route. Was told that my child could stand on the center of Moose Road to get a ride. That's is not safe! :( What are you think!!
1498140	There are no children or adults for my child to walk with even though it is 4 blocks. We are affraid of someone grabbing her.
1498141	We live in a rural area. If we lived in the Village then my child may walk or ride a bike to school. Where we live it really is not a good route for bikes.
1498142	If there were a safe bike route on Hwy 16, but seperate, I would allow my children to ride to town/school.
1498143	My children would love to ride everyday on bike but there is no safety supervision available for traffic and registered sex offenders nerby. Im' not satisfied by bussing either due to lack of attention.
1498144	In winter it is way too far and cold to walk. I do not feel it's safe, my child is very trusting and doesn't realize the danger of "strangers."
1498145	We live in the country. 9 miles from school
1498146	I allow our child to walk due to no other option. However, I am in fear because child walks alone and teens are driving.
1498147	I'm not sure at what age my child would be mature enough to bike 2 miles by himself to school.
1498148	We live out of district (open enrolled) so my daughter does not ride bike or walk to school.
1498149	Fortunately we live right next to the schools so we will always be able to walk and shouldn't have to drive. I know not every family has this luxury.
1498150	I would love for my child to walk to school-if he had a group of people to walk with and there wasn't a busy street to cross-I am mostly worried about the drivers not paying atention-not him!
1498151	We reside at the far end of the bus route, at least 5 miles of town on country highway. Likelihood of biking to school is low and can't walk.
1498152	West Salem offers (or parents demand) bus service for kids who live in the village. They could walk the 8-10 blocks.
1498153	A bus stop is only 2 blocks from her grandmother's house and she is not allowed to ride the bus. I find this rediculous-there is room on the bus but the district demands she walk nearly 20 blocks because of the "2 mile" rule. Once again, the bus stop is 2 blocks from her grandmother's house!!!
1498154	Believe it would be difficult on child to go alone with no supervision, but would be OK because she is going to see adults at school. Would be hard in extreme temperatures/snow/rain to send
1498155	We live in the country and not within walking/biking distance

1498156	Live too far to have daughter walk/bike to school.
1498157	Should have at least 1 crossing guard at Hwy 16 so kids can cross safely-even tough for adults to cross before light changes
1498158	Route to/from school has registered sex offenders en route. Would have to cross Hwy 16. Seems really far for young children. With or without siblings whom are older. Many factors affect decision, not just one.
1498159	We live out in the country so walking/biking is NOT an option for our child. Survey doesn't really pertain to us.
1554752	I am not comfortable having my elementary-age child cross Hwy M or Hwy 16.

## End of Report