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Dear parent/guardian:

CCUSD is proud to announce that new bike racks have been installed at all of our schools as part of the city-wide Safe Routes to School Program. As more children choose to bike to school more often, making appropriate bike parking available has become an essential component. The new racks are inverted U shaped racks, or "U Racks", similar to what has been installed throughout Culver City. U-racks provide a more stable and secure bike parking option to racks that only secure one wheel. Skateboard racks have also been installed at Culver City Middle School and Culver City High School and all schools will have a dedicated scooter rack.

It is important to teach your children to always lock their bikes at school with a secure lock. Children of all ages should learn to properly lock their bikes at school so as they get older and transition to riding elsewhere, they will have developed the confidence and knowledge to lock their bikes properly.

No lock will guarantee a bike, skateboard or scooter will not be stolen, but by using good locking techniques, it is more likely to be there when you return.

It is recommended you use a high quality lock. Although cable locks are simple to use, inexpensive and lightweight, they are also easily cut or broken and provide only minimal security. High security chains and U-locks are stronger, more durable and less inviting to thieves. Though heavier, they provide a more secure option. Note: Skateboard racks are designed to be used with only a padlock.

Locking tips for bikes, skateboards and scooters:

- Higher quality locks provide more security
- Never lock only your frame or wheel
- Always lock your frame and at least one wheel to the rack.
- Locking the frame and both wheels is considered the best option.
- Lock your skateboard with a padlock
- Lock your scooter with a mini u-lock, or cable lock

Please review the enclosed information with your child(ren) and encourage them to bike to school safely and lock up properly when they arrive.

If you have any questions regarding the Safe Routes to School Program, the racks, locking your bike, skateboard or scooter, please contact the Culver Safe Routes to School Coordinator or visit [www.ccWalkAndRoll.com](http://www.ccWalkAndRoll.com)

Thank you;

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