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Natomas Parents and Staff:

With winter approaching and Daylight Savings Time ending, we need your help to spread the word that it's vital for motorists to be extra cautious around bicyclists or pedestrians, and to drive slowly around school zones. We have had a series of accidents involving pedestrians and bikes – many of them not near a school, but while students were on their way.

Let's team up to make Natomas streets a little safer: If you'll do your part by talking with neighbors, we'll do ours by reminding students about sharing the road, wearing helmets while bicycling, avoiding distractions, and obeying other rules of the road. Working together, we can make a difference.

Wet weather can make roads slick and obscure driver visibility, while California's return to standard time on Nov. 6 means that the sun will set an hour earlier. Both changes can increase road risks, both for drivers and for students walking or biking. Natomas Unified has grown to nearly 15,000 students, so there are plenty of kids on local streets and sidewalks every day.

I have kids attending NUSD schools, so I know personally how important this issue is to parents. Driving and bicycling tips distributed by NUSD at the start of this school year are available by [clicking here](#). Safety of our students, staff and community is a top priority, so please help us encourage drivers and bicyclists to watch out for each other and drive defensively traveling to and from schools. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Chris Evans
Superintendent

