

Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Awards Ceremony



**LIVE ZOOM EVENT
JUNE 2, 2021**



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00 AM

Opening Remarks and Year in Review

Derek Krevat, Safe Routes to School Program Coordinator, MassDOT

Keynote Speaker

Jamey Tesler, Acting Secretary & CEO, MassDOT

School Partner Remarks

Jennifer Hessel-Smith, Physical Education Teacher, Nathaniel Morton Elementary School, Plymouth (2020 winner)

Education Partner Remarks: The Year of the Bike

Galen Mook, Executive Director, Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition

10:45 AM

Partner Recognition: Honor Roll Awards Presentation

Exemplary Program by Region:

- ★ Western
- ★ Central
- ★ Northeast
- ★ Southeast

Community Collaboration
Crossing Guard of the Year
Nikki Tishler Award

Certificate of Resiliency & Adaptability

The following partner schools have shown resiliency and adaptability in supporting Safe Routes to School efforts from March 2020 to March 2021. Despite the massive obstacles to overcome, these partner schools continued to prioritize Safe Routes to School programs to keep their students and communities safe for walking, biking, and rolling. From providing virtual bike safety sessions, conducting travel surveys, mapping walking routes, and hosting pedestrian safety sessions, these schools deserve to be recognized for going the extra mile.

Abigail Adams Middle School, Weymouth
Academy Avenue Primary School, Weymouth
Albert S. Woodward Memorial School, Southborough
Allendale Elementary School, Pittsfield
Ambrose Elementary School, Winchester
Andrews Middle School, Medford
Annie E. Fales Elementary School, Westborough
Arlington Middle School, Lawrence
Armstrong Elementary School, Westborough
Avery Elementary School, Dedham
Brayton Elementary School, North Adams
Bridge Elementary School, Lexington
Brooks Elementary School, New Bedford
Brookside Elementary School, Dracut
Burgess Elementary School, Sturbridge
C. A. Farley Elementary School, Hudson
Center Elementary School, Peabody
Centerville Elementary School, Beverly
Colegrove Park Elementary School, North Adams
Columbus Elementary School, Medford
Community Day Arlington Elementary School, Lawrence
Community School, North Attleborough
Consentino Middle School, Haverhill
Cyrus E. Dallin Elementary School, Arlington
Dedham Middle School, Dedham

Dr. Elmer S. Bagnall Elementary School, Groveland
East Elementary School, Sharon
Edith C. Baker School, Brookline
Edward F. Parthum Elementary School, Lawrence
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Edward P. Boland Elementary School, Springfield
Elsie A. Hastings Elementary School, Westborough
Ezra H. Baker Innovation School, West Dennis
Fiske Elementary School, Lexington
Florence Sawyer School, Bolton
Fowler School, Maynard
Francis M. Leahy Elementary School, Lawrence
Fred W. Miller Elementary School, Holliston
Galvin Middle School, Canton
George H. Englesby Elementary School, Dracut
George R. Martin Elementary School, Seekonk
Green Meadow Elementary School, Maynard
Greenlodge Elementary School, Dedham
Greenmont Avenue Elementary School, Dracut
Greylock Elementary School, North Adams
Hancock Elementary School, Hancock
Hannah Elementary School, Beverly
Harwich Elementary School, Harwich
Holten Richmond Middle School, Danvers
Hoosac Valley Elementary School, Adams
John Glenn Middle School, Bedford
John J. McGlynn Elementary School, Medford
John J. McGlynn Middle School, Medford
John Silber Early Learning Center, Chelsea
Johnson Elementary School, Nahant
Jonas Clarke Middle School, Lexington
Joseph A. Campbell Elementary School, Dracut
Joseph Estabrook Elementary School, Lexington
Joseph L. Mulready Elementary School, Hudson
Joseph W. Martin Jr. Elementary School, North Attleborough
Justus C. Richardson Middle School, Dracut
Katharine Lee Bates Elementary School, Wellesley
Lafayette School, Everett
Lee Elementary School, Lee
Letourneau Elementary School, Fall River
Lincoln Elementary School, Winchester

Lynn Woods Elementary School, Lynn
Manchester Essex Regional Middle School, Manchester-by-the-Sea
Marblehead Veterans Middle School, Marblehead
Maria Hastings Elementary School, Lexington
Mason-Rice Elementary School, Newton
Matthew J. Kuss Middle School, Fall River
Memorial Elementary School, Upton
Mildred Aitken Elementary School, Seekonk
Mill Pond School, Westborough
North Attleborough Middle School, North Attleborough
North Brookfield Elementary School, North Brookfield
Oakdale Elementary School, Dedham
Oakham Center School, Oakham
Parlin School, Everett
Pierce School, Brookline
Powder Mill School, Southwick
Provincetown School, Provincetown
Reingold Elementary School, Fitchburg
Riverdale Elementary School, Dedham
Robert H. Adams Middle School, Holliston
Robert T. Capeless Elementary School, Pittsfield
Roberts Elementary School, Medford
Roger E. Wellington Elementary School, Belmont
Roosevelt Avenue Elementary School, North Attleborough
Sam Placentino Elementary School, Holliston
Sarah W. Gibbons Middle School, Westborough
Sherwood Middle School, Shrewsbury
South Middle School, Braintree
Sumner G. Whittier School, Everett
Sunderland Elementary School, Sunderland
Teaticket Elementary School, Falmouth
The Patrick Lyndon Pilot School, Boston
Thompson Elementary School, Arlington
Village School, Marblehead
Walter J. Paton Elementary School, Shrewsbury
Webster Elementary School, Everett
William Diamond Middle School, Lexington
William P. Gorman Fort Banks Elementary School, Winthrop
Winn Brook Elementary School, Belmont
Woodland School, Southwick
Woodville Elementary School, Wakefield

Exemplary Programs by Region

Awarded to schools that set a great example by crafting a new or existing Safe Routes to School Program through innovation, creativity, and engagement.

★ Western

Winner: **Edward P. Boland Elementary School, Springfield**

★ Central

Winner: **Florence Sawyer School, Bolton**

★ Northeast

Winner: **Dr. Elmer S. Bagnall Elementary School, Groveland**

★ Southeast

Winner: **Teaticket Elementary School, Falmouth**

Community Collaboration

Awarded to an Alliance Partner organization that strongly demonstrated the importance of collaborating among schools and community stakeholders, and furthered the mission of Safe Routes to School.

Winner: **Bike to School Concord**

Crossing Guard of the Year

Winner, Honorable Mention, and Crossing Guard Champions will be announced live!

Top Five Nominees:

- ★ Rosemary Chirillo, Hingham
- ★ Annette Dilley, Braintree
- ★ Jim Laramie, Marblehead
- ★ Dave Leger, Leominster
- ★ Kevin Shrayner, Beverly

Nikki Tishler Memorial Award

Awarded to an individual or group of individuals who served as true champions of Safe Routes to School over the past school year, making the extra effort to ensure a successful program in his or her community.



In 2018, the Safe Routes to School Superhero Award was retired in Nikki's honor and presented to her family to celebrate her life and work with MassDOT. Nikki was the Coordinator of MassDOT's Safe Routes to School Program and a liaison to three of the Commonwealth's Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

Throughout her life, Nikki brought the same passion to her endeavors outside of the office as she did to her responsibilities at MassDOT. She was a fierce advocate for social justice; a volunteer for a suicide prevention hotline; a warm, thoughtful, and caring person; and a wonderful friend and colleague.

In the words of one coworker, "Nikki had the innate ability to promote social wellness, which she was a living example of. Her closest colleagues benefited both professionally and personally from her contagious positivity."

Winners: **Betsy Goodrich and Elecia Miller, Mayor's Health Task Force, Lawrence**