



AWARDS CEREMONY

2026

MONDAY JUNE 1, 2026

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10:30 a.m.** Continental Breakfast and Networking
- 10:45** Welcome: Rachel O'Donnell, Program Director, Massachusetts Safe Routes to School
- 10:50** Year in Review: Miranda Briseño, Federal Programs Coordinator, MassDOT
- 11:05** Jonathan Gulliver, Undersecretary and Highway Administrator, MassDOT
- 11:10** **Keynote Speaker:** Phillip Eng, Interim Secretary of Transportation and MBTA General Manager
- 11:15** Samantha Silverberg, Undersecretary of Transportation Policy, MassDOT
- 11:20** **School Partner Speaker:** Brian Guimond, Dean of Students, Warren Community Elementary School
- 11:25** **Community Partner Speaker:** Brendan Crighton, MA Senator, Chair, Joint Committee on Transportation
- 11:30** **Partner Recognition**
- 11:40** **Honor Roll Awards**
- Exemplary Programs by Region:
Western / Central / Northeast / Southeast
Community Collaboration
Crossing Guard Awards
Nikki Tishler Award
- 12:20 p.m.** Group Photo on the Grand Staircase
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PARTNERSHIP CERTIFICATES

The following partner schools have shared their SRTS 2025-2026 accomplishments, qualifying them for partner level awards. Levels are determined through the completion of various activities, each with a designated point value, throughout the school year. These points reflect Gold, Silver, Bronze, or Basic Level achievement.

BASIC PARTNERS

Amherst Regional High School, Amherst
Annie E. Fales Elementary School, Westborough
Bruce Elementary School, Lawrence
Chelsea High School, Chelsea
City Arts and Sciences Academy, Lynn
Dedham Early Childhood Education Center, Dedham
Deerfield Elementary School, South Deerfield
Dr. Gertrude Bailey Elementary School, Lowell
Elsie A. Hastings Elementary School, Westborough
Fall Brook Elementary School, Leominster
Frances Drake Elementary School, Leominster
Hajjar Elementary School, North Billerica
Hill View Montessori Charter Public School, Haverhill
Holyoke High School, Holyoke
J. Henry Higgins Middle School, Peabody
J. Warren Killam Elementary School, Reading
John D. Runkle School, Brookline
Leominster Center for Excellence, Leominster
Leominster High School, Leominster
Martha Jones Elementary School, Westwood
Maynard High School, Maynard
Mile Tree Elementary School, Wilbraham
Newton South High School, Newton
Northwest Elementary School, Leominster
Parker Elementary School, Billerica

Pierce Middle School, Milton
Priest Street School, Leominster
Rafael Hernández K-8 School, Boston
Rupert A. Nock Middle School, Newburyport
Salisbury Elementary School, Salisbury
Samoset Middle School, Leominster
Sky View Middle School, Leominster
Stoneham Central Middle School, Stoneham
Sunita L. Williams Elementary School, Needham
Thomas Ditson Elementary School, Billerica
Thompson Elementary School, Arlington
Wales Elementary School, Wales
Westport Elementary School, Westport
William R. Peck Middle School, Holyoke
Wood End Elementary School, Reading
Worcester Technical High School, Worcester

BRONZE PARTNERS

A. Drewicz Elementary School, Lynn
Alice M. Barrows Elementary School, Reading
Anna E. Barry Elementary School, Chicopee
Arlington Elementary School, Lawrence
Beethoven Elementary School, Boston
Belcher Elementary School, Chicopee
Belmonte STEAM Academy, Saugus
Bennett-Hemenway Elementary School, Natick
Bowman Elementary School, Lexington
Brayton Elementary School, North Adams
Breen School, Lawrence
Brickett Elementary School, Lynn
Bridge Elementary School, Lexington
Broadmeadow Elementary School, Needham
Brookfield Elementary School, Brockton
Brooks Elementary School, Medford
Bryantville Elementary School, Pembroke

Chandler Elementary School, Duxbury
Chittick Elementary School, Boston
Clyde Reeves Elementary School, Woburn
Columbus Park Preparatory Academy, Worcester
Community School, North Attleborough
Downey Elementary School, Brockton
East Brookfield Elementary School, East Brookfield
Edgar B. Davis K-8 School, Brockton
Edgartown Elementary School, Edgartown
Edward G. Molin Upper Elementary School, Newburyport
Fairview Elementary School, Chicopee
Florida Ruffin Ridley School, Brookline
Forest Grove Middle School, Worcester
Fort River Elementary School, Amherst
Four Rivers Charter Public School, Greenfield
Frederic T. Greenhalge Elementary School, Lowell
Frontier Regional School, South Deerfield
George H. Englesby Elementary School, Dracut
Goodyear Elementary School, Woburn
Greenmont Avenue Elementary School, Dracut
Hancock Elementary School, Brockton
Herbert V. Bowie Elementary School, Chicopee
Hillcrest Elementary School, Turners Falls
Hobomock Elementary School, Pembroke
Hurd-Wyman Elementary School, Woburn
John J. Stefanik Elementary School, Chicopee
Johnny Appleseed Elementary School, Leominster
Joseph L. Mulready Elementary School, Hudson
Joseph R. Dawe Jr. Elementary School, Stoughton
Lambert-Lavoie Elementary School, Chicopee
Leicester Elementary School, Leicester
Lincoln Street Elementary School, Northborough
Lincoln Street School, Worcester
Lincoln-Eliot Elementary School, Newton
Malcolm White Elementary School, Woburn

Marguerite E. Peaslee Elementary School, Northborough
Mario Umana Academy, Boston
Marion E. Zeh Elementary School, Northborough
Mary O. Pottenger Elementary School, Springfield
McGlynn Elementary School, Medford
McGlynn Middle School, Medford
Michael E. Smith Middle School, South Hadley
Morningside Community School, Pittsfield
Morris Elementary School, Lenox
Patrick E. Bowe Elementary School, Chicopee
Patrick Lyndon Pilot K-8 School, Boston
Raymond Elementary School, Brockton
Robert Adams Middle School, Holliston
Roland Hayes School, Brookline
Saugus Middle High School Complex, Saugus
Snug Harbor Community School, Quincy
Somerville High School, Somerville
The Springfield Renaissance School, Springfield
Turners Falls High School, Turners Falls
Veterans Early Learning Center, Saugus
Walter J. Paton Elementary School, Shrewsbury
Wareham Elementary School, Wareham
Washington Elementary School, Lynn
Webster School, Everett
West Tatnuck School, Worcester
Whately Elementary School, Whately
Wildwood Elementary School, Amherst
William P. Gorman Fort Banks Elementary School, Winthrop
Winn Brook Elementary School, Belmont
Woodland Elementary School, Southwick

SILVER PARTNERS

Acushnet Elementary School, Acushnet
Albert S. Woodward Memorial School, Southborough
Angelo Elementary School, Brockton

Arnone Elementary School, Brockton
B. M. C. Durfee High School, Fall River
Belmont Street Community School, Worcester
Benjamin G. Brown School (K-5), Somerville
Blueberry Hill Elementary School, Longmeadow
Brockton High School, Brockton
Burncoat High School, Worcester
Carlton M. Viveiros Elementary School, Fall River
City View Discovery School, Worcester
Crocker Farm Elementary School, Amherst
Eddy Elementary School, Brewster
Forestdale Elementary School, Sandwich
Francis T. Bresnahan Elementary School, Newburyport
Frank M. Silvia Elementary School, Fall River
Fred W. Miller Elementary School, Holliston
Gilmore Elementary School, Brockton
Green Meadow School, Maynard
Harrington Elementary School, Lexington
Henry Lord Community School, Fall River
Holliston High School, Holliston
Horace Mann Elementary School, Melrose
Jacob Hiatt Magnet School, Worcester
James Tansey Elementary School, Fall River
John J. Doran Elementary School, Fall River
Katharine Lee Bates Elementary School, Wellesley
Lester J. Gates Middle School, Scituate
Letourneau Elementary School, Fall River
Manchester Memorial Elementary School,
Manchester-by-the-Sea
Maria Hastings Elementary School, Lexington
Mary Fonseca Elementary School, Fall River
Matthew J. Kuss Middle School, Fall River
Memorial Elementary School, Winchendon
Midland Street School, Worcester
Milton Fuller Roberts Elementary School, Medford
Missituk Elementary School, Medford

Morton Middle School, Fall River
Mountain View School, Easthampton
Muraco Elementary School, Winchester
Nathaniel Morton Elementary School, Plymouth
Newton North High School, Newton
North Middle School, Brockton
Oakdale Elementary School, Dedham
Pelham Elementary School, Amherst
Pittsfield High School, Pittsfield
Plouffe Middle School, Brockton
Powder Mill School, Southwick
Resiliency Preparatory Academy, Fall River
Riverdale Elementary School, Dedham
Sam Placentino Elementary School, Holliston
Samuel Watson Elementary School, Fall River
Sheffield Elementary School, Turners Falls
South Elementary School, Stoughton
Spencer Borden Elementary School, Fall River
Stone Day School, Fall River
Sunderland Elementary School, Sunderland
Taconic High School, Pittsfield
Talbot Middle School, Fall River
Vernon Hill School, Worcester
Wampatuck Elementary School, Scituate
Wawecus Road School, Worcester
West Tisbury School, West Tisbury
Westall Elementary School, Fall River
William S. Greene Elementary School, Fall River

GOLD PARTNERS

Academy Avenue Primary School, Weymouth
Alcott Elementary School, Concord
Ashfield Middle School, Brockton
Benjamin F. Butler Middle School, Lowell
Bridge Street Elementary School, Northampton

Burgess Elementary School, Sturbridge
Charles Jaworek Elementary School, Marlborough
Colegrove Park Elementary School, North Adams
Cyrus E. Dallin Elementary School, Arlington
Dr. Frederick N. Sweetsir School, Merrimac
East Middle School, Brockton
Fiske Elementary School, Lexington
Fowler School, Maynard
Frank Zervas Elementary School, Newton
George Keverian School, Everett
Grafton Street School, Worcester
Greenfield Middle School, Greenfield
Guilmette Elementary School, Lawrence
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Helen R. Donaghue School, Merrimac
Jenkins Elementary School, Scituate
Joseph Estabrook Elementary School, Lexington
Kennedy Elementary School, Brockton
Lee Elementary School, Lee
Linden STEAM Academy, Malden
Manthala George Jr. Global Studies School, Brockton
Mary E. Baker Elementary School, Brockton
Memorial Elementary School, Hopedale
Peirce Elementary School, Newton
R.H. Conwell Elementary School, Worthington
Salemwood School, Malden
Silvio O. Conte Community School, Pittsfield
Soule Road Elementary School, Wilbraham
South Middle School, Brockton
Thoreau Elementary School, Concord
Truro Central School, Truro
William G. Morgan School, Holyoke

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.

WINNERS

Western

Sunderland Elementary School, Sunderland

Central

Vernon Hill School, Worcester

Honorable Mention: Butler Middle School, Lowell

Northeast

Washington S.T.E.M. Elementary School, Lynn

Honorable Mention: Beethoven Elementary School, Boston

Southeast

Forestdale Elementary School, Sandwich

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

Peabody School Safety Task Force

Crossing Guard Awards

Crossing Guard of the Year

WINNER

Sagrario Ortiz (Boston)

HONORABLE MENTION

Alvin Montalvo (Fall River)

Crossing Guard Champions

Cheryl Williams (Cambridge)

Deb St. Germain (Melrose)

Brekton Drougas & Marge Barnett (Northampton)



Nikki Tishler 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.

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

— coworker of Nikki Tishler

We are honored to have Nikki's father, Gary Tishler, as the presenter of this prestigious award.

WINNER

Dennis Geniuch, Director of Health & Wellness K-12,
Brockton Public Schools

