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Safe Routes to School National Course

Portsmouth, NH – Portsmouth Safe Routes to School Committee is pleased to sponsor a presentation of the Safe Routes to School National Course for the City's K-8 students (Middle, Dondero, Little Harbour, New Franklin and St. Patrick Schools)

The SRTS Program has been established in the City of Portsmouth out of concern for student health and safety. A combination of education, encouragement, engineering and enforcement strategies are used to encourage students to walk and bike to school safely.

This course will provide participants with the knowledge and skills to continue to grow the City's SRTS program based on needs and conditions, best practices and responsible use of resources. The day concludes with participants developing an action plan for the Portsmouth Middle School.

The National Course will be held on Tuesday, October 27th 2009 from 8:00 am to 3:30pm at Portsmouth City Hall ~ Council Chambers, Junkins Avenue.

This course is offered free of charge to students, parents, school officials, community leaders, fire and police officials and neighbors with lunch and snacks provided.

Course size is limited, so please register by October 23, 2009 by contacting: Debbie Finnigan, City's Transportation Engineer at dafinnigan@cityofportsmouth.com or 603-766-1415.

For additional information, please visit these Web sites:

National Center for Safe Routes to School

www.saferoutesinfo.org