

Active Travel - School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) - SD71

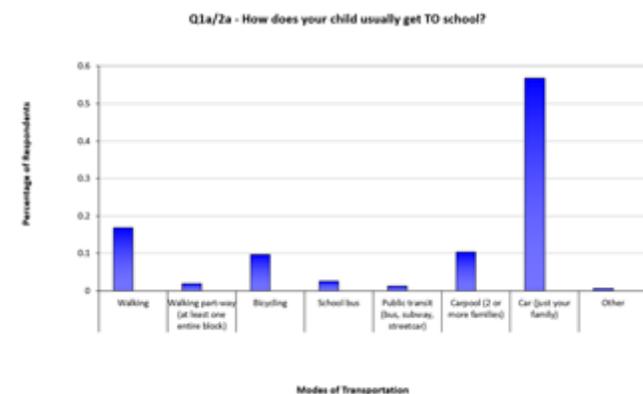
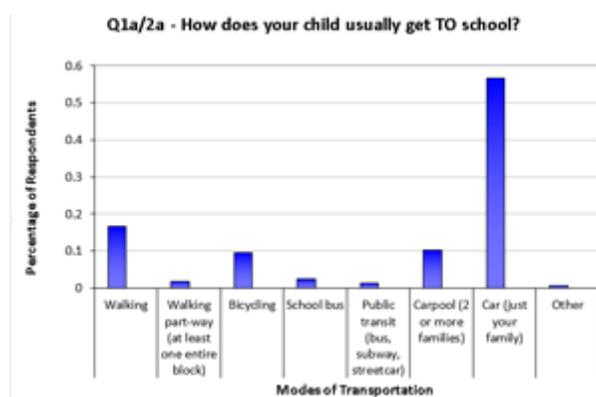
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Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary Baseline Family Survey results overview

Ecole Puntledge Park is set in a lovely location convenient to downtown Courtenay and the Puntledge River Park. <http://www.ecolepuntledge.ca> This school is a draw for many families as it provides the French Immersion, Late French Immersion, Aboriginal and English program streams of learners. With over 500 students enrolled in the school the parking lot and nearby streets can be quite congested during the drop off and pick – up period.

At Ecole Puntledge Park, 44% of the surveys that went home to families were returned. The surveys contained valuable feedback and suggestions on how to increase the number of families actively getting to school and the physical areas of concern on our local roadways where traffic safety was an issue.

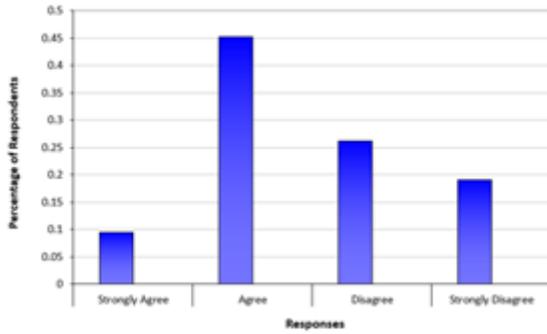
The majority of survey respondents say they drive their child to and from school.



Close to 40% respondents live over 3KM from the school while 60% live less than 3KM to the school. Yet, (graph distance)

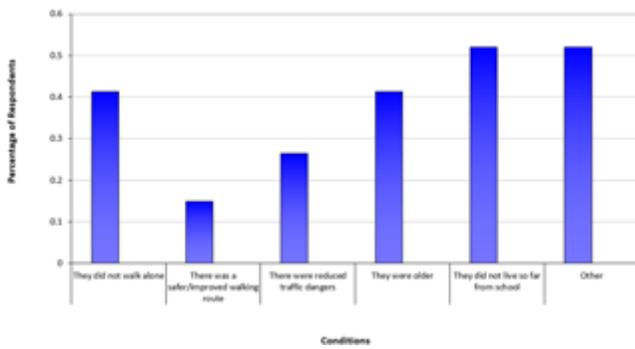
Family's say that their neighbourhood is safe and yet 30% think that is not. This is a large enough % to ask why not and does this have an impact on the mode of transportation chosen to get to school?

Q6 - Our neighbourhood is safe for children to walk to and from school

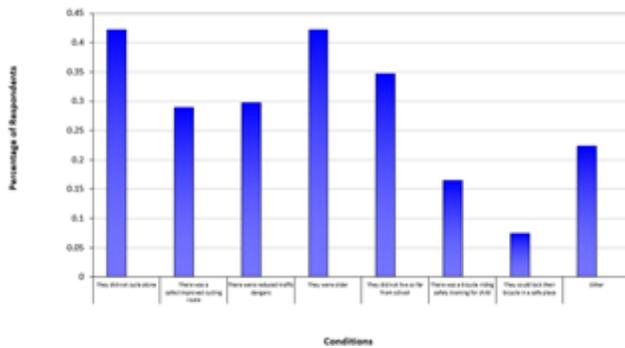


When looking at the responses in these graphs most families would allow their children to ride or walk to school if there was a way for them to not be alone on their commute to school. As many parents are en route to work and take their car to drop their kids, a solution will be needed.

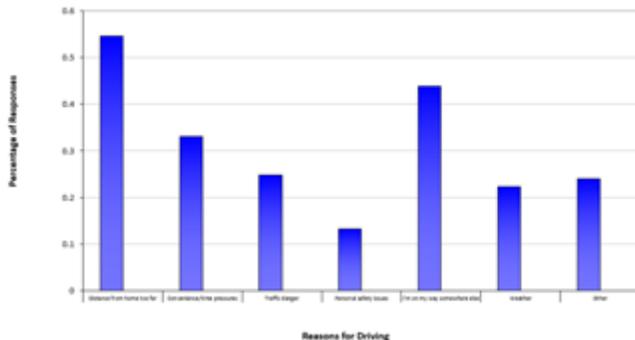
Q8 - I would allow my child to walk to school if...



Q9 - I would allow my child to cycle to school if...

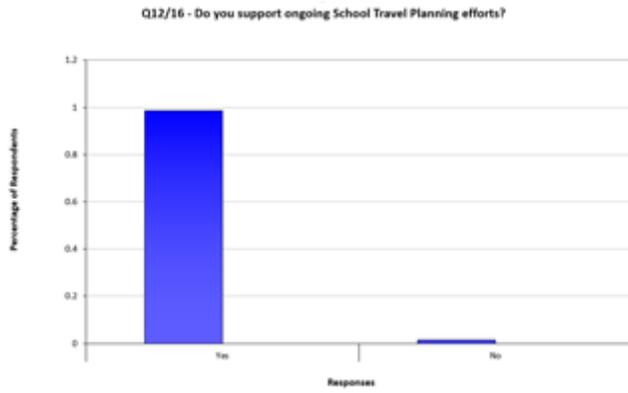


Q7 - If your child is usually driven to/from school, what are the main reasons why?



We look forward to continuing with the Student Travel Planning process knowing that 98% of families at Ecole Puntledge Park support this initiative. **This support and the information from the Baseline Family Survey will shape the actions taken this year and in future years by School District #71 and our Municipal**

Stakeholders.



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