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STUDENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS OF BROOKWOOD ELEMENTARY IN DALTON CELEBRATE GEORGIA WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

DALTON, Ga. – Brookwood Elementary of the Dalton Public Schools district will be joining schools from around the state to celebrate Georgia Walk to School Day, which falls on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

Approximately 150 students from Brookwood Elementary will be walking to school on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 along with parents and teachers.

The event will begin at 7:30 a.m. with students, parents and teachers walking from Lakeshore Park. Participants will use a recently built sidewalk that connects the school to a large outdoor learning lab in the neighborhood. Walkers will arrive at the school at 7:50 a.m.

Brookwood Elementary is the first designated Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) school in north Georgia.

Walk to School events work to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, concern for the environment and building connections between families, schools and the broader community.

This event is being organized by Georgia DOT's Safe Routes to School Resource Center. The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program empowers communities to make walking and bicycling to school a safe and routine activity once again. Georgia's SRTS Resource Center assists schools and communities with education, encouragement, enforcement, evaluation, planning and other non-construction related SRTS activities

Launched in 2009, Georgia DOT's SRTS Resource Center assists schools and communities with education, encouragement, enforcement, evaluation, planning, and other non-construction-related SRTS activities. Efforts have focused on primary and middle schools (grades K-8), but now are being expanded to include high schools. Georgia's SRTS Resource Center is centered on the concepts of the international safe routes to school movement, the purposes of which are to encourage children to walk and bike to school and also to improve safety in the vicinity of schools. SRTS encourages and helps empower communities to make walking and bicycling to school a safe and routine activity once again.

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