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Abbott Middle School Students Participate in Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Education

Foster City, CA – The San Mateo-Foster City School District is pleased to announce that students from Abbott Middle School participated in the San Mateo County Office of Education, Safe Routes to School (SR2S) student education program from Safe Moves Company on Tuesday, December 4, 2012. The education is part of a $300,000 grant awarded to the District aimed at improving student health through walking and biking and increasing safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Approximately 765 students attended the safety workshop that focused on pedestrian and bicycle safety.

The class consisted of lessons on:
- Recognition and avoidance of common traffic collisions
- Understanding of driver and pedestrian/bicyclists behaviors
- Railroad crossings/trains
- Public bus/school bus transportation
- Understanding of traffic volume, traffic flow and traffic operations
- Explanation of California Vehicle Codes
- Safe behaviors in and around vehicles including buses, trains and trucks
- Physical, social and economic consequences of traffic collisions

For additional information on Safe Routes to School (SR2S) or Safe Moves, please visit these web sites:
- San Mateo County Office of Education SR2S www.smcoe.k12.ca.us/sr2s
- National Center for Safe Routes to School www.saferoutesinfo.org
- Safe Moves www.safemoves.org

For additional local information, please contact Karrie Passalacqua, Wellness Coordinator at (650) 312-7298.

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The San Mateo-Foster City School District operates 20 elementary and middle schools serving approximately 12,000 students from preschool through 8th grade. For more information, please visit the district website at www.smfc.k12.ca.us.
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