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Board of Education Officials and City Officials Join Students and Parents in Walk to School

On Friday, Dec. 5 at 7:15 a.m., school district officials, officers and members of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District Board of Education, and City officials joined about 50 students and parents in their walk to school.

The walk, sponsored by Safety for Community Youth, began at Delano-Hitch Recreation Center. Groups set out with police escort to individual schools, including Gidney Avenue Magnet School, West Street School, Horizons on Hudson, and San Miguel Academy.

Safety for Community Youth was founded by local parents on the first day of school when they realized that their small children would not have transportation to school. The group organized the walk to draw attention to their concerns for the health and safety of their children. Their hope is that the School District will present a proposition on the next ballot that the public will support, one which will provide for busing for all children in the district.

The district's current transportation policy: "requires the district to provide transportation... for pupils in grades kindergarten through 6 who live in the City [of Newburgh] at a distance of more than 0.9 miles from the school of their attendance and all pupils in grades 7 – 12 who live in the City at a distance of more than 1.0 miles from their school." Around 450 students in grades kindergarten-6 are among the 1330 children in the City of Newburgh who are affected by the policy.

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