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## Halton Police kick off return to school safety campaign

On Monday, the Halton Regional Police Service will kick off its annual traffic safety initiative; "Project Safe Start", the eighth year police will conduct this campaign which centres on education, awareness and high-visibility enforcement of traffic laws in and around school zones. The campaign is run in conjunction within the first two weeks that Halton school children return to classes and runs until September 13.

Officers will use a multi-faceted approach to remind motorists to be on alert for increased pedestrian and vehicular traffic in and around school zones as well as paying attention to crossing guards. Focused enforcement will be on speeders, aggressive drivers, and the use of hand held devices while driving. Seatbelt compliance will also be strictly enforced.

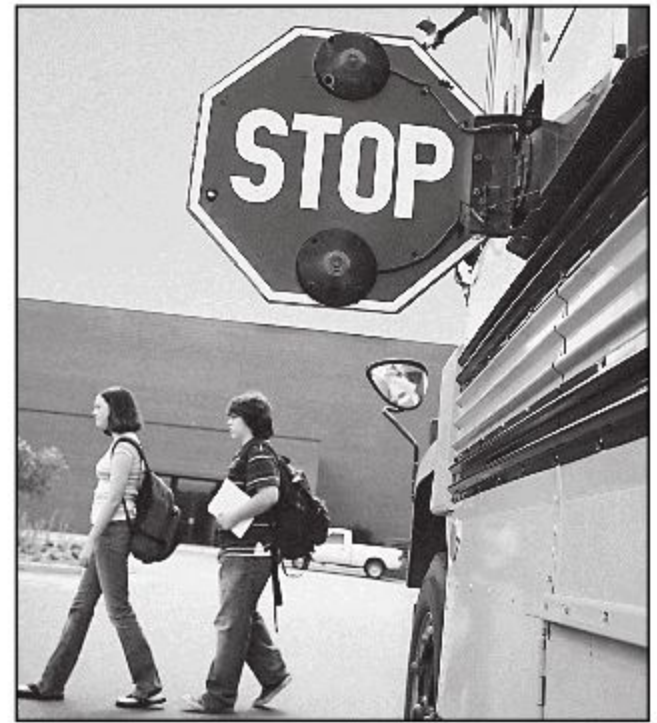
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trict Response officers, Education Services officers, High School Liaison officers as well as senior Command officers will all be taking part in this campaign.

This high visibility enforcement and education campaign will positively affect driver behaviour around school zones throughout the year and have overall lasting safety benefits to members of the community. Halton residents have ranked traffic as their number one policing priority in previous surveys.

Halton police recognize this concern and will engage in various campaigns throughout the year to educate the motoring public on, and enforcing the Highway Traffic Act and other traffic related legislation.

Pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and the police all play an integral role in ensuring safer roads within Halton Region.



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