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## **COUNTY SIDEWALKS PROJECT CREATES SAFE PASSAGE TO SCHOOL**

### **\$1.2 million in CDBG project included streetlights and ADA ramps**

*Sacramento, Calif.* More than 500 elementary school children joined McGruff, the crime-fighting mascot from the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department in a parade today celebrating the new sidewalks installed around Dyer-Kelly Elementary School at 2236 Edison Avenue. The Sacramento County Board



*McGruff the crime-fighting mascot, Supervisor Susan Peters and a student at Dyer-Kelly School lead students in a parade along the new sidewalks installed to create a safe pathway for children walking to school.*

of Supervisors authorized the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency to expend \$1.2 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds to pay for the project which also included nearby Greer Elementary School at 2301 Hurley Way.

The lack of sidewalks, curbs and gutters created a safety hazard for the young students who attend Dyer-Kelly and Greer schools located in the Third Supervisorial District represented by Supervisor Susan Peters.

school," Supervisor Peters said to the children as they sat on the floor of the multi-purpose room during a school-wide assembly. "You're such a good group of children and you all walk to school and we wanted to make it very safe for you. The County of Sacramento is very proud of you and we hope you all walk very safely to school from now on."

"When the opportunity opened to fund improvements for this neighborhood, I thought the best investment would be to spend money on sidewalks, fences and streetlights around this

Before the sidewalks were installed, the children had to walk in the streets and were constantly in danger of being hit by cars. On rainy days, the children dodged muddy puddles because there were no curbs or gutters to channel the water out of their pathway. In partnership with both schools and San Juan Unified School District, the completion of the sidewalk project creates safe passage for children on their way to school.

#### **Project Construction Highlights**

- 2,394 linear feet of sidewalk
- 1,155 linear feet of fencing
- 16 ADA ramps
- 8 driveways
- 7 new streetlights

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The students showed their appreciation by singing a song they wrote about being safe at school and reading letters of thanks to the Safety Committee.

“Thank you for our brand new sidewalks in front of Dyer-Kelly School,” said third grade student Adi Rasilau. “Now our community is much safer because we won’t get hit by cars.”

Second grader Jaiden Gray wrote, “Thank you for putting in new sidewalks. Now I feel like I am safe. I cannot trip and fall. I don’t get muddy.”

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