



September 20, 2019

Dear Neighbor,

**In 2018 in Washington D.C. alone, more than half of the victims of homicide have been under the age of 19. Something has to change!**

We, the students of **Center City PCS Congress Heights**, are reaching out to the neighborhood to inform you of the events we are planning, to ensure that the students of Ward 8 are safe, secure, and sheltered while walking and bike riding within the community. We are asking for your commitment and involvement in our process to secure safety for our students and all students in our community.

On **Friday, October 4, 2019, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.** we will also be organizing a “**Man the Block**” Safe Passage event to bring about awareness, advocacy, and participation from all members of the community. This event will involve all sectors of the community and government to show solidarity of “**Safe Passage**” for all students. Part of the vision is to see familiar faces on the routes to and from school and to have peace of mind and a stronger sense of community for students and families, along with our neighbors and businesses.

**The time for the community to act is now! Mobilize and show your young people that you care and that their education and safety matters.** Let’s work together as a community to create change by supporting our safety initiatives for our community.

Thanking you in advance for your support,

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