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E-Bike Safety

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Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer break. We would like to bring your attention to e-Bikes. As we continue to see an increase in electric bicycles (e-bikes) usage among our students and throughout Bayonne, we want to address important safety considerations that affect all of us. E-bikes offer an excellent transportation option, but they require specific safety awareness and responsible usage.

- **Speed and Traffic Awareness**: E-bikes can reach speeds of 20-30 mph, requiring increased vigilance around school zones and pedestrian areas
- **Helmet Usage**: Consistent helmet use remains critically important for all riders
- Traffic Laws: E-bike riders must follow the same traffic rules as traditional cyclists
- Use reflective clothing and lights, especially during dawn and dusk hours
- Ensure your e-bike has functioning brakes, lights, and reflectors
- Maintain appropriate speeds, especially in school zones
- Be extra cautious around pedestrians, particularly younger students
- Avoid using phones or headphones while riding

Student safety is our highest priority. By working together as a community, we can ensure that e-bikes remain a safe and positive transportation option for our students. We appreciate your partnership in promoting responsible e-bike usage and keeping our school community safe.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and your continued support of our safety initiatives this upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

John Niesz Superintendent