

# School Safety Zones

## Community Insights

299 respondents across Ontario shared insights on the efficacy and function of school safety zones, along with some ideas for improvement.

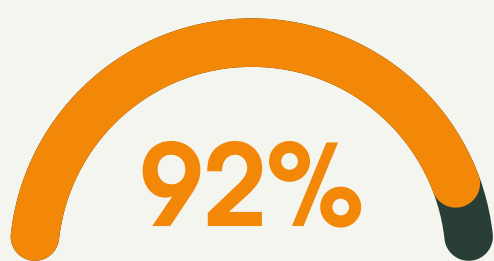
Respondents were: parents/guardians (n=270), community members (n=19), school staff (n=8), and students (n=2).

\*HTA = Highway Traffic Act

**43%** believe the HTA\* definition is insufficient

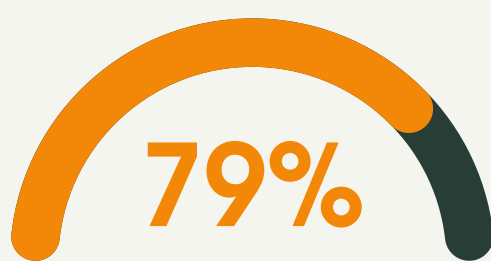


### What do community respondents say School Zones SHOULD do (after reading HTA definition)?



#### Reduce children's risk

Community respondents say the #1 purpose of a school safety zone should be to **reduce children's risk**.



#### Manage traffic speed

Community respondents say the #2 purpose should be to **manage traffic speed**.

### How many respondents experience barriers to active school travel?

**54%**

Safety barriers

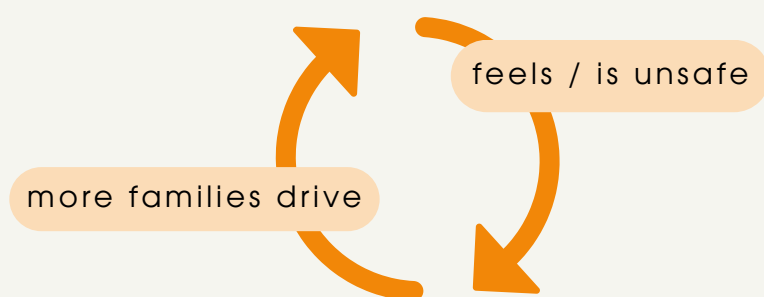
**34%**

Personal barriers

**12%**

No barriers

When it is unsafe (or feels unsafe) in a school zone, a vicious cycle results.



### Safety interventions most supported by all respondents

- Traffic calming
- Automated Speed Enforcement (ASEs)
- More Adult Crossing Guards
- Reduced speeds
- More pedestrian crossovers