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## **NEW SCHOOL POLICY – HELMET USE**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

First, and foremost, thank you in working together to make sure the safety of all our students is a top priority. However, there are students who ride a bicycle, scooter or skateboard to and from school and are not wearing a helmet. It is imperative that our students are safe at all times. Under California Law, anyone under the age of 18 must wear a helmet when riding a bicycle, scooter or skateboard on a street, bikeway or public bicycle path or trail:

### **V C Section 21212 Youth Bicycle Helmets Minors**

#### **Youth Bicycle Helmets: Minors**

***21212. (a) A person under 18 years of age shall not operate a bicycle, a non-motorized scooter, or a skateboard, nor shall they wear in-line or roller skates, nor ride upon a bicycle, a non-motorized scooter, or a skateboard as a passenger, upon a street, bikeway, as defined in Section 890.4 of the Streets and Highways Code, or any other public bicycle path or trail unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet that meets the standards of either the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) or the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), or standards subsequently established by those entities. This requirement also applies to a person who rides upon a bicycle while in a restraining seat that is attached to the bicycle or in a trailer towed by the bicycle.***

Starting, Monday, April 1, 2019 a new school policy will be added to the Rosa Parks Parent Handbook - **ALL** students **MUST** wear a helmet when using any of the modes of transportation mentioned above. The following are disciplinary measures for not following our helmet policy:

- First offense – warning slip will be given to student
- Second offense – parents will be contacted
- Third offense- parent must pick up bicycle, scooter, or skateboard from the school office
- Fourth offense – Student will lose their privilege of riding a bicycle, scooter or skateboard to school

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and keeping the safety of students a top priority.

Sincerely,

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