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Bike Norfolk: Do you own a bicycle? Tell us about it, we love to hear about bicycles!

Carlos Clanton: Yes, Hybrid Mountain Bike

BN: Are you familiar with [Bike Trains and Walking School Buses](#)? If so, will you help make them commonplace in Norfolk?

CC: Yes, I'm familiar and yes, I will work to make them commonplace. Any program that adds to the safety and well being of our students, I support 100%.

BN: Do you support a funded dedicated position within NPS to manage and promote the [Safe Routes to Schools Program](#)?

CC: With the current staffing shortages, I am not confident we could support the funding of a fulltime dedicated position. However, I do believe there are current positions within the district whereby this role's function would perfectly align with our current structure.

BN: In the past several decades there's been a dramatic [decline](#) in the number of students to bike/walk to school. What will you do to reverse this trend away from a dependence on school buses?

CC: Primarily, we must re-instill a sense of safety back into the Parents & Guardians of NPS Students. I passionately believe a Safe Routes to School Program would enable us to do that. However, from a Board perspective we must collaborate with the Superintendent and Administration to develop Board level Policy and School Protocols that support a Safe Routes to School Program. This would also include that we dedicate and apply for available funding that support bike racks and other signage.



BN: In what ways can walking and bicycling infrastructure be improved to allow for more children to travel safely to school?

CC: As School Board Chair, I've re-established the Safe and Secure Schools Taskforce. I believe the scope of this taskforce not only includes actions within our schools but also actions that should be taken to support students' safe travel to and from schools. So that would be first action with the direction to develop actions that could be taken in policy and procedures to support the successful implementation within NPS.

BN: We love to ride bikes! Would you like to go for a bicycle ride with us?

CC: I would love to. Let's setup a date and time.