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## OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE

# NEW, REDUCED SPEED LIMIT NEAR BURBANK SCHOOLS

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**Burbank, California** – The City of Burbank, Burbank Police Department and Burbank Unified School District are committed to creating and maintaining a safe environment for everyone near school campuses. As part of this commitment, the speed limit has been reduced within school zones in the City of Burbank.

In November of 2018, an ordinance was adopted in Burbank to reduce the speed limit of residential streets in school zones from 25 miles per hour to 15 miles per hour. In accordance with section 22358.4 of the California Vehicle Code, the ordinance was adopted following an engineering and traffic survey. The speed limit is reinforced by new warnings signs that indicate a speed limit of either 25 or 15 miles per hour in school zones while children are going to or leaving school, during school hours, or the noon recess period.



Although the majority of streets within Burbank's school zones have been reduced to a new speed limit of 15 miles per hour, arterial streets remain at a 25 miles per hour speed limit in accordance with the California Vehicle Code.

During the last six months, the City of Burbank Public Works Traffic Engineering Division and City of Burbank Sign Shop staff designed and installed 200 new street signs reflecting the new speed limits. The reduced speed limit was implemented near 24 schools in Burbank and includes 114 blocks of roadway. Additionally, staff created 12 new, all-way "STOP" sign-controlled intersections and installed 24,000 square feet of crosswalks. This entire project has been completed prior to the upcoming 2019-2020 school year.

In early 2020, additional 15 miles per hour speed limits zones, crosswalks, and stop signs will be installed at Jefferson Elementary, Muir Middle, and Washington Elementary Schools. These improvements will be made as part of a Safe Routes to School grant.

The reduced speed limit is an effort to improve safety near schools in the City of Burbank by requiring motorists to slow down and be cautious when driving through or near school zones, especially when children are present.

For a map of Burbank's school zones and their respective speed limits, [click here](#).

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