

PROCLAMATION
SCHOOL'S OPEN SAFETY WEEK

WHEREAS, Metra is asking communities to participate in their Back-to-School Safety Campaign urging children to be safe, be smart and to stay off the tracks; and

WHEREAS, Metra works closely with operation Lifesaver, a public education program designed to increase awareness; and

WHEREAS, Metra focuses on the three E's plan – education, the key to increasing safety awareness; engineering, a crucial element in keeping roads safe; and enforcement, the final effort to reaffirm the importance of safe behavior near tracks; and

WHEREAS, Metra asks that families be aware of the following safety tips and share this with their children: Never take a shortcut across tracks; Look both ways before crossing tracks at outlying train stations and grade crossings even if the warning devices are not activated; If warning devices activate as you approach a crossing, do not rush across the tracks; Stand at a safe distance from the tracks when warning devices are activated, as trains may extend three feet or more outside the rails; Do not cross the tracks immediately after a train passes, as another train may be approaching on adjacent tracks; Wait until there is a clear view in both directions; Remember there is a gap between the tracks and crosswalk areas. Avoid stepping on them and walk bikes across tracks; Freight trains do not travel on predictable schedules and schedules for passenger trains can change; Never walk down train tracks. It is illegal and dangerous; Trains can be very quiet. Do not get caught off guard as trains can not stop quickly; Look, listen and live!

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim October 7, 2005 as Metra Back-to-School Safety Campaign day in Lombard and ask all families to practice safe rail safety measures.

William J. Mueller
Village President

