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HEADING BACK TO SCHOOL? LESSON No. 1: DRIVE CAREFULLY.

Immediate Release

MARION COUNTY, Fla. (Aug. 16, 2011) – The new school year is beginning in Marion County and the Office of the County Engineer reminds drivers, parents and students to put safety first as they head back to the classrooms or enter active school zones.

Steer away from traffic stress this back-to-school season by following these handy tips:

- Be alert. Look out for children biking or walking, especially as you approach intersections and school crossings.
- Stop for school buses that are loading or unloading children.
- If riding a bike, wear a helmet and walk your bike through crosswalks.
- Remind students to obey the instructions of school crossing guards and officers stationed along their routes.
- Teach children to always look left, right and left again before crossing any road.

For more information, contact the Marion County Office of the County Engineer at 352-671-8686.

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