



Your program is ~7 weeks away from kick off!

First, some **BIG NEWS!!!!** We are pleased to announce that four additional elementary schools have joined the program. That brings our total to 17 school. KDOT is paying for 15 schools, the Golden Belt Community Foundation is paying for one and I'm (Robert) is personally paying for the 17th. This is HUGE for Kansas and the Walking School Bus program as a whole.

**Things to work on for this week:**

1. Please collect the absentee and tardy data from the dates of the Walking School Bus program from the fall semester and the same dates from the previous year. For those of you from a school that elected NOT to participate in this part of the evaluation process, you can skip this.
2. Continue recruiting volunteers. By next Monday (February 16th) everyone should be reporting some volunteer numbers.
3. Contact Robert at [robert@pednet.org](mailto:robert@pednet.org) with a time to meet via telephone between February 16th - 20th.