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### **Safe Kids of DeKalb Receives Grant to Improve Safety on LaVista Road**

Crossing LaVista Road will soon become a lot safer.

The Safe Kids of DeKalb recently received a \$25,000 grant to improve pedestrian safety on one of Atlanta's busiest streets. LaVista Road, between Briarcliff and North Druid Hills roads, will be the focus. The project will enable students, parents and staff of the Torah Day School of Atlanta to get to and from school unharmed.

Representatives from Safe Kids of DeKalb, the DeKalb County Board of Health, the DeKalb County Police and Public Works departments and other organizations will help the school implement pedestrian safety projects. Possible uses of the funds are re-striping the crosswalk in front of the school and installing better signage and an immediate-feedback speed signal.

The Torah Day School of Atlanta is an Orthodox Jewish school. On most weekdays, about 250 children walk to school. On the Sabbath and holidays, there are even more pedestrians because the students cannot ride in a vehicle due to their religious beliefs.

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The Safe Kids of DeKalb coalition is led by the DeKalb County Board of Health. The “Walk This Way” grant is from Safe Kids Worldwide, which addresses unintentional injuries to children under age 14. FedEx is the program sponsor.

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