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**PROVINCE REMINDS DRIVERS TO WATCH FOR CHILDREN,
DRIVE WITH CARE IN SCHOOL ZONES**

Manitoba government reminds motorists to drive with extra care in school zones as annual restrictions take effect on Sept. 1 and students soon return to their classrooms, Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler and Education and Training Minister Ian Wishart announced today.

“The month of September means thousands of Manitoba students are soon returning to school,” said Schuler. “With school-zone restrictions in Manitoba taking effect tomorrow, we ask that all drivers take extra precaution by reducing their speed and remaining alert when approaching school zones. Drivers affected by these areas may need to consider providing more time for their commute or altering their travel route. There is never an excuse to be in a hurry when traveling through school zones in our province.”

Pedestrian, school bus and private vehicle traffic will greatly increase in school areas as classes begin in September. Motorists are advised to drive with extra caution and be alert to the increased presence of children in school areas.

“The return to school season is an exciting time for students, parents and educators,” said Wishart. “In order to keep everyone safe during the school year, it is important to obey the limits in school zones and always watch for young children in all areas where students are present.”

Municipalities have authority to establish reduced-speeds zones and determine the hours speed reduction is in effect. Speed reductions and effective dates and times may vary by municipality. Motorists are advised to pay particular attention to the posted speed.

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For more information, go to www.gov.mb.ca/mit/transpolicy/lrs/safety.html.