Lincoln Charter School, Helen Thackston Charter School & Eat Play Breathe to celebrate National Bike to School Day on May 12, 2014

For immediate release:

York, PA. On May 12, 2014 – Lincoln Charter School, Helen Thackston Charter School, Eat Play Breathe, and Mayor C. Kim Bracey will join schools from around the country to celebrate National Bike to School Day.

Approximately 1,200 students will be riding or walking to city Monday, May 12, 2014. They will be accompanied by parents, teachers and community leaders. Those leaders will include Representative Kevin Schreiber, Mayor C. Kim Bracey, City Council President Carol Hill-Evans, Lincoln and Helen Thackston Charter School President Michael Mehosky, and members of the board of the York County Commissioners.

The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Lincoln Charter School, 559 W. King Street. The group will arrive at City Hall at 10:00 a.m. The participants will hear from speakers about health equity and transportation and will see a performance by the Lady Lion Steppers. Water will be provided by the York Water Company and healthy snacks will be provided by the York Bureau of Health.

Bike to School Day encourages a nationwide bike-focused celebration for students in the month of May and builds on the popularity and success of Walk to School Day, which is celebrated across the country – and the world – each October.

Bike to School Day events raise awareness of the need to create safer routes for bicycling and walking and emphasize the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, reducing traffic congestion and concern for the environment. The events build connections between families, schools and the broader community.

The event is being organized Lincoln Charter School, Helen Thackston Charter and Eat Play Breathe. The schools in partnership with the leadership of York are health champions for their students and all of the children of York.

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For additional information, please visit these websites:

Walk and Bike to School Day
National Center for Safe Routes to School

www.walkbiketoschool.org
www.saferoutesinfo.org
About National Bike to School Day
National Bike to School Day, coordinated by the National Center for Safe Routes to School, provides an opportunity for communities across the country to join together to bicycle to school on the same day. The event builds on the excitement surrounding National Bike Month, led by the League of American Bicyclists each May, as well as the popularity of Walk to School Day, coordinated by the National Center for Safe Routes to School every October.

National Bike to School Day is based on the Walk to School Day model. Walk to School Day was founded in 1997 as a way to bring community leaders and children together to build awareness for communities to be more walkable. The one-day event has now grown to a month-long celebration with students and parents from more than 4,000 U.S. schools joining millions of Walk to School Day and Month participants worldwide. The reasons for walking have grown just as quickly as the event itself. For more information on bike and walk to school activities in the United States, visit www.walkbiketoschool.org.

About the National Center for Safe Routes to School
Established in May 2006, the National Center for Safe Routes to School assists states and communities in enabling and encouraging children to safely walk and bicycle to school. The National Center serves as the information clearinghouse for the federal Safe Routes to School program with funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration. Part of the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center, the National Center also provides technical support and resources and coordinates online registration efforts for U.S. Walk to School Day and facilitates worldwide promotion and participation. For more information, visit www.saferoutesinfo.org.