



## Automated Enforcement "Warning Phase" Ends Soon

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**Albany, GA-**The Albany Police Department started the warning period to help drivers adjust to the Automated Enforcement of School Zones. New signage alerting drivers of the stepped up enforcement was installed. During the Warning Period, drivers received Warning Notices only.

The Albany program was instituted after a nationwide spike in pedestrian fatalities over the past decade in which Georgia became one of the 5 deadliest states for pedestrians, with the seventh highest fatality rate. Automated Enforcement is endorsed as a safety tool by the Governor's Highway Safety Association, AAA, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and the National Safety Council.

The Automated Enforcement of School Zones targets the most egregious speeders exceeding more than ten (10+) miles per hour over the posted speed limit in school zones. The cameras will operate from one hour before school until one hour after school, only on school days. A sworn officer reviews and approves each violation before a ticket is issued.

The new program will be fully operational and issuing "real" citations during the 2021-2022 Dougherty County School Year. Cameras are installed at Alice Coachman Elementary, Sherwood Elementary, Robert E. Harvey Elementary and Westover High Schools.

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