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Re: Road Safety for Cedar Elementary Students

We are writing on behalf of the students and families of Cedar Elementary School to request new and improved safety measures on both Cedar and Gould Road, in Cedar BC. There is a high-level of concern regarding student safety while utilizing both these roads. Cedar Road has a marked speed limit of 50 km; however, it is common to see vehicles travelling well over 80km per hour during morning and after school periods. There are two distinct crossings on Cedar Road (at Furn Road and Gould Road) that are often ignored, putting the children who cross over at risk. It is not uncommon to watch a child wait for long periods of time for vehicles to stop, or watch children dart back to safety when vehicles ignore the crossing. Just yesterday there was a car accident at the Gould rd crosswalk as someone stopped for a student. We are requesting the designated agency install pedestrian-controlled crosswalks at these two specific locations. North Oyster Elementary located on Cedar Road has had great success with the installation of a pedestrian controlled crosswalk. Do our students not warrant the same attention to safety?

The crosswalk on Gould Road in front of the school is also the site of daily concern. Currently there is confusion due to a dilapidated crosswalk that has not been properly deactivated. Students and families often dart across this pathway creating unsafe stops and poor flow of morning traffic. We also have parents parking on or near the crosswalk as its unclear where the crossing is. We would like to request this crosswalk be properly painted or paved over. In addition, we would like to request funding from the school district for a crossing guard.

Pedestrian safety has been an issue of concern from the Cedar Elementary PAC for several years. We would like to have clarification on who is responsible for the above requests and how we can ensure steps will be taken to create safety measure for our students and families.

Kind regards,



Cedar Elementary Pac