



# Lakeshore Discovery School

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Dear Mayor Bailey and Members of Council:

**RE: Oakwood Avenue**

This is a formal request on behalf of the Lakeshore Discovery School community for the addition of a pedestrian crossing and crossing guard on Oakwood Avenue near Magnolia Lane.

Lakeshore Discovery School is an elementary school of approximately 1000 children from Kindergarten to Grade 8. The safety of our students is compromised every day due to the volume of traffic on Oakwood Avenue along with the lack of a safe crossing point to help our students cross Oakwood to the new subdivisions on the south side of the street.

The congestion of traffic for both Lakeshore Discovery and St. Anne's High School is problematic to both students and their families. This is a high traffic area and OPP have shared with us that drivers are frequently ticketed for speeding on this street.

Our school currently has 12 buses that use the bus bay on Oakwood Avenue and numerous families that utilize the parking lot at Oak Ridge Park to drop off and pick up their students. Despite "No Parking" and "No U-Turn" signs, people often park in the bus zone and then pull into oncoming traffic creating a hazardous situation for both students and drivers.

We have actively encouraged families to use the traffic light at the intersection of Oakwood and I.C. Roy. The lighted intersection is not the most direct route to the entrances of the new subdivision at Poplar and Magnolia as our students are dismissed from the back of the building. Due to the lack of a convenient crossing, many families drive their children to school resulting in significant vehicular traffic at entry and dismissal times which further exacerbates concerns.

As the subdivision continues to be developed and more young families move in, our concern is that there is going to be a serious accident. Outside of school hours the community use of Oak Ridge Park will grow, and park users will require a safe and convenient crossing. The only way to ensure the safety of our students and our community is for the municipality to provide a safe crossing through the addition of a pedestrian crossing and a crossing guard.

We are available at your convenience to meet with you, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Susan Mayville, Principal

Jennifer Mills, Vice-Principal

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