Dear Mr. Del Grande,

While we respect and acknowledge the traffic report completed by Marko Oinonen (File:D12-5138307), we believe that the report does not accurately reflect the pedestrian safety concerns we have on Huntsmill Blvd. Specifically, students crossing Huntsmill Blvd in front of Sir Ernest MacMillan Sr. P.S. during ‘peak times’ of the day.

The appendix represents 4 consecutive days of traffic and pedestrian activity on Huntsmill Blvd directly in front of Sir Ernest MacMillan Sr. P.S. Our Traffic Survey Team (consisting of four gr. 7 and 8 students) counted vehicles passing the school, and pedestrians crossing Huntsmill Blvd, from April 22 to April 25th. The data was collected in 5 minute intervals. The graph below, “average Amount of Cars and Pedestrians”, represents an average of the data collected from April 22nd to April 25th.
Our data shows a ‘peak number’ of cars passing by the school in a 5 minute period of 51 cars (April 25th from 3:00 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.) and the peak number of pedestrians crossing the road in 5 minutes was 34 (2:55 p.m. to 3:00 pm on April 22nd). Extrapolating from those numbers would give you a Vehicle Per Day (VPD) rate of 14688 vehicles passing by and a Pedestrian Crossing Rate Per Day (PCRPD) of 9792 pedestrians crossing the road.

Clearly, the actual VPD rate and PCRPD rates are much lower than that. However, it does give you a glimpse into the chaotic traffic and pedestrian situation in front of our school every day. A simulated congestion rate of 14688 VPD and 9792 PCRPD are very significant numbers.

We have invited traffic officers, our Trustee, parents from our School Council, and our school’s administration to examine the traffic and pedestrian situation in front of our school during ‘peak times’ of the day. Everyone who has witnessed the situation agrees that some sort of traffic device needs to be installed in order to keep our students safe.

Please consider this request carefully. The lives of our children depend on it.

Respectfully,

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Appendix: