



Maurice Cody Public School

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Rob Hochberg, Principal

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Dear Councillor Jaye Robinson,

We are writing on behalf of the Maurice Cody Community School in regards to the state of traffic congestion and its impact on the safety of our children and families around Maurice Cody Junior Public School during the start and end of our school day.

During normal times, our surrounding roads are busy in the morning and even more so during afternoon dismissal. This problem, is further exacerbated by the Eglinton Crosstown, which has seen an increase in the number of cars, trucks, and other traffic in our roads who look to bypass the construction at Eglinton and Bayview where lanes are reduced and traffic is stopped for construction vehicles that force drivers into our area creating great congestion. Despite encouraging our families to walk to school, we still have many children that are dropped off and picked up on any given day. The traffic around the school can get congested and this often leads to unsafe road safety situations, especially during the winter.

In consultation with the City and your staff, our school community of over 700 families have partnered with our neighbours who have been surveyed and who have lent their support to limiting northbound traffic through signage on Cheston Road during school drop off (8:00 to 9:00) and pick up (3:00 to 4:00). We're also requesting that "no U-turn" signage be posted on Belsize Drive and Cleveland Avenue in the school's immediate boundaries as this would also help to reduce congestion.

Both the Maurice Cody Administration and the Maurice Cody Family & School Association are both in support of these traffic measures in order to reduce traffic congestion and increase road safety for the school and surrounding community.

We humbly request your support in the enactment of these safety measures and the expediency in which they can be realised.

Thank you for continuing to support the safety of the students and community that attend Maurice Cody Public School.

Regards,

Rob Hochberg
Principal

J.C. Van Marle
Family and School Chair