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Dear Navajo Planning Committee,

I am the principal of Green Elementary and have had grave concerns about the crosswalk that our families use to cross Wandermere for a long time. The issue has been so severe we have called on the city, our local police, our council representative, and parents to assist us in attempting to make the crosswalk as safe as possible.

Last year we worked with the city in requesting a 4 way stop. They said we fell short of the number of points that we needed to receive a 4 way stop. They repainted the crosswalk, cut back some trees so signs would show more, and added additional signage to make the school signs and crosswalk signs more visible.

There is no stop sign on Wandermere at the intersection of Green Gables. This intersection is where most of our families cross the street and is closest to our entrances. The paint and additional signage is just not enough. Cars continue to zoom by as families and students are rushing to get to Patrick Henry High School, our parents are rushing to get their own students to school, in addition to neighborhood drivers leaving for work. Even if families are in the middle of the street, cars will continue to rush by, so close to the pedestrians, they can reach out and touch the car.

We also have observed "almost" numerous accidents with people from Green Gables trying to make a left on Wandermere. They cannot see well at that corner and after waiting for lengths of time, eventually gas it and take a chance no one is coming, speeding through the turn. As they are waiting to turn or cross over Wandermere, cars are backing up. Parents let their children out in the middle of Green Gables street to run towards the school and pass between parked cars. I fear this is another accident waiting to happen.

Green Elementary is organizing an adult run safety patrol to assist families across the street at this time. We do not want students working the safety crosswalk team as it is too dangerous.

We would greatly appreciate you approving a 4 way stop at this intersection. It will bring more awareness to the crosswalk and people in it, force cars to stop and hopefully drivers will stay stopped while families cross. It should also relieve the congestion that builds up on Green Gables and prevent adults letting their children out in an unsafe manner trying to get to school on time. In summary, it will provide a much safer environment for our families and students to get to school.

We appreciate you considering this matter as it is a very serious situation. We don't want a student or family member being hit in or around this crosswalk for the importance of a 4 way stop to be validated.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bruce Ferguson