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Good afternoon,

I was just informed that there is a motion to evaluate the discontinuance of the crossing guard at Raymond and Gilbert. I am a parent of multiple students at Orchard Ridge and I have been very concerned with the lack of safe crossing measures from my home. There are currently two crossing guards who assist students across Raymond Road (Gilbert and Thrush). There are several students needing these services. I have witnessed several cars speeding at very high speeds through the school zone and with the potential removal of a crossing guard, this poses a significant risk for students. A simple flashing light is not safe enough for young students.

With the new school being built on the western portion of the MMSD property, I urge you to continue to have multiple crossing guards to safely get students across a very busy street (Raymond). I would implore you to look into having a crossing guard at Whitney and Raymond instead of Raymond and Gilbert as the elementary school will be located off Whitney Way. There are a number of students who currently cross Whitney and Raymond and it is unsafe as cars are NOT looking for pedestrians as they turn left. We have seen one too many children in Madison lose their life or be injured due to negligent drivers.

Crossing Guards are a very easy tool to use to highlight that it is a crossing time for students and get them across safely. Please reconsider your motion to discontinue. Every student deserves the right to get to school safely.

Thank you,
Allison