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Hello,

We were encouraged by the Hamilton Middle School Principal to direct concerns about the lack of crossing guards for Hamilton Middle School to you.

I am incredibly disappointed and concerned at the decision to pull crossing guards from major thoroughfares, this is a disaster waiting to happen.

I understand that there are many layers of policy and funding to peel back, but at the core is the safety of kids in our community.

Below is the message I sent to Principal Kamoku:

I just read the announcement from Hamilton about the start of the school year. I am shocked to read that there will not be crossing guards?! Mineral Point road is very busy and traffic is often moving fast and it is a regular occurrence to see cars run red lights. Are we really sending our kids through that intersection without the assistance of crossing guards? This is unacceptable and a serious safety concern. I would love to trust all drivers to watch out for people in the crosswalk, but that is not realistic. Please inform us how this decision was made and who to speak to about getting crossing guards back in place.

Thank you, Shelley Maxted