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To: York Regional Council

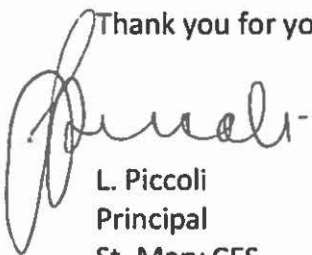From: L. Piccoli
Principal St. Mary's CES

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you on behalf of the St. Mary Catholic Elementary School Community. We are very concerned regarding the safety of the students, parents, and school buses that travel onto King Road from Greenside Drive. Due to the increased traffic on King Road, the left hand turn from Greenside Drive onto King Road has become quite precarious and risky.

As you are aware, Greenside Drive has evolved into an extremely busy street that is used as a through street, as drivers attempt to avoid the busy traffic at King Road and Highway 27 during rush hour periods (8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and again between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.). Not only is the street extremely busy, we have found that the speed limit is not adhered to. This creates a very dangerous situation for our students attempting to cross the road. School buses are regularly late as they are held up trying to make left and right turns into our area. The presence of a traffic light would not only ensure the safety of our students, but act as a calming influence for impatient and aggressive drivers.

As the population of our school increases (we have 600 students this year and 10 school buses), I do believe that the safety of our most vulnerable members needs to be addressed by the Region. Bus drivers regularly report their frustrations at the gridlock in the area, and they are often arriving late and cannot remain on schedule with drop offs after school.

The parents in this community rely on us for the safety of their children on this busy and dangerous through street. Community members are very concerned over this issue. I hope that the Region will take take their best interests into consideration. We strongly support King Township's resolution to the Region.

Thank you for your consideration.

L. Piccoli
Principal
St. Mary CES