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Dear Mr. Berrett:

As the Community Council at Elk Run Elementary, one of our biggest concerns is the safety of our students. When the Community Council meet in the Spring to plan safe walking routes and request safety improvements, we did not foresee some of the problems that are now apparent. We now realize that additional safety measures are needed to keep our kids safe as they are walking to and from school.

Here are the additional safety measures we would like to request:

1. Sidewalk is needed on the north side of 3500 South between 8400 W and Sweetgum Drive. This is especially dangerous because kids must either walk on the side of the road or on the lawns in front of homes lining this street. This is an urgent priority that needs to be taken care of as soon as possible.
2. A crosswalk is needed across Katherine Drive at 3500 South. This is needed to help drivers on this busy street be more aware of the kids who need to cross it. Katherine Drive goes from 3500 South to Cyprus High school and is heavily used by a lot of traffic.
3. A safe crossing method is needed from the back entrance of the school to the other side of 3500 S. We would like to see a crosswalk with a crossing guard and 20 mph speed limit placed in this area. If a safe crossing is not placed here, it is our fear that many of the students will cross the road on their own rather than taking the longer route that includes the crosswalk on Helen Dr.
4. Sidewalk is needed on the south side of 3500 S west of the school. Students who need to walk along this route are walking on gravel or the side of the road. When there are snow drifts from plowed roads in the winter our concern is that students will be walking in the road and will be put in danger.

We appreciate your time in considering these additional safety improvements and hope that we can all work together to keep our students safe.

Sincerely,

Elk Run Community Council