



Manitowoc Public School District

To: Manitowoc Public Safety Members  
Aldersperson Chris Able, Chair  
Aldersperson Jason Sladky, Vice-Chair  
Aldersperson Dave Soeldner  
Aldersperson Lee Kummer  
Aldersperson Steve Czekala

From: Mark Holzman  
Superintendent  
Manitowoc Public School District

Duane Simmons  
Principal  
Jackson Elementary School

Date: December 28, 2016

Dear Public Safety Committee Members,

On behalf of the students and families of Jackson Elementary School I would like to thank you for your consideration of installing a flashing sign on Menasha Avenue at the crosswalk just north of Jackson Elementary School. The conversations in regard to student safety have been very helpful, and as a result our use of school crossings after school have been limited to the two crossings on the west side of school, and one crossing on Menasha Avenue. We believe that this is the best use of our resources, and is currently the most effective way to keep students safe based on available parking. In addition to these measures, we maintain that the installation of a flashing sign on the Menasha crosswalk north of Jackson Elementary School would significantly improve the safety of the children and adults using this crosswalk.

At the last meeting, the public safety committee approved the placement of a flashing sign on the Menasha crosswalk and a cost sharing proposal for this sign with the school district. The cost sharing of this sign and its installation and upkeep have led to an open question about the school's responsibility to fund public safety projects beyond the borders of our schools. It is our opinion that since crosswalks are maintained by the city and exist outside of the borders of the school, it is the city's responsibility to fund crosswalk projects and the use of education dollars to fund such projects would not be appropriate.

Thank you again for your consideration to install a flashing sign at this crosswalk. We hope the committee will recognize this as a safety concern for the children and adults that use this crosswalk and that you will be able to prioritize this project for the 2017 calendar year.

Respectfully,

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Mark Holzman

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Duane Simmons'.

Duane Simmons