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To: Board of Education of School District No. 40
City of New Westminster, Mayor and City Council

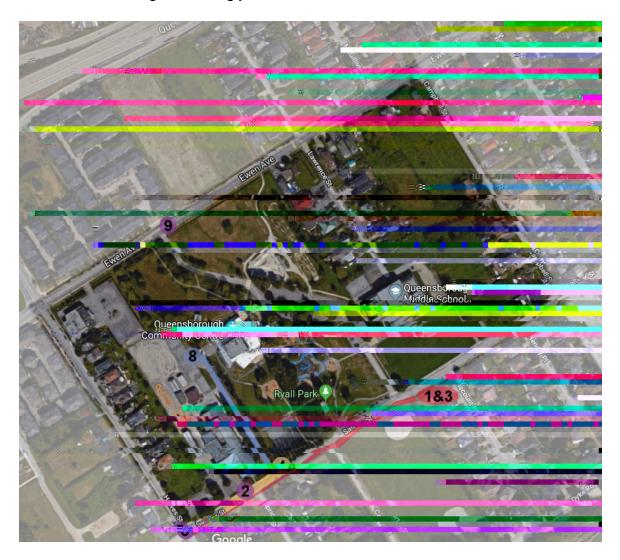
RE: Student Street Traffic and Croing Saf etyat;

QEES Queen Elizabeth Elementary School (4) 921 Salter Street, New Westminster, BC, V3M 6G8

QMS Queensborough Middle School 833 Salter Street, New Westminster, BC, V3M 6G8

This letter is written to convey the QRA's support for changes to safety measures and street infrastructure around Queen Elizabeth Elementary and the surrounding school/community complex. Both QEES and QMS are located on Salter Storret of the three mian residential thoroughfares running east/westn Quænsborough. In addition, Howes Street to the south is a significant corridor to the 91(Ancluding nonresidents avoiding traffic disruptions) There have been several complaints within the community egarding both volume and special on both routes Furthermore parking and safety infrastructure is also

The QRA's concern withatety regarding the streetondition, road markings, signage and parking around QEE as been ongoing for a very long time. The QE PAC has highlighted their concerns with Trustees while the QRA Traffic Rep has reported contactne City/NTAC. With trafficpopulation and student increases throughout the area, this situation is becoming increasingly nsafe for the children and residents.



There are everal pecific it access of unafe conditions of note:

- 1. There are no sidewalks the south side of Salter St from Howes to Campbell. While this limits safety, further danger is posed due to the proximity of the south ditches and banks along this stretch.
- 2. There is no crosswalk panning Salter Street from Queen Elizabeth to the south side of the street. Signage denotes a No Parking Drop Office South of the street. This requires children to cross the street unattended force parents to park illegally to

bring their children across the street. There is no sidewalk on the south side, thus no cross walk nor crossing guards.

- 3. In some areas, general signage along Salter Street and Sprice Street is either lacking or knockedbwn. There is no parking permitted on the north side of Salter between the school and Howeş a safer alternative for Drop Off. There is no signage along Sprice, a narrow road with deep ditches on both sides.
- 4. There are no road markingsuch as a large white letter X or School painted on theoad adjacent to QEES.
- 5. The corner of Howes and Salter (Ay stop) is missing crosswalk markings.
- 6. The south side alignment Salter Street from Howes to Campbell is poorly planned and the road width varies alond route.
- 7. There are fivespeed bumps on Salter between Howes at mmpbell street. They appear to be inadequation slowing vehicle trafficand in certain areas appeard for apart.
- 8. Parents occasionally use the service road to the Queensborough Community Centre to pick up children an extremely unsafe practice due to the volume of people on the road before/after school. Although Principal Manville has worked hard to ensure parents do not drive on this strTJ -0.altlf (t)-4Tw [(u)-4 (p)-1 (c)-4 (hild)-6 IJ -0.00ityltngt 6 IJ -0



Figure 1 – Traffic lined up down Salter to Howes (note white truck parked beside barrier)



Figure 2 – Family crossing Salter Street (NO CROSSWALK)



Figure 3A – Parking congestion on Sprice Street (note child in street). There are significant ditches on both sides of Sprice, with parents parking on both sides due to lack of parking restrictions along the street.

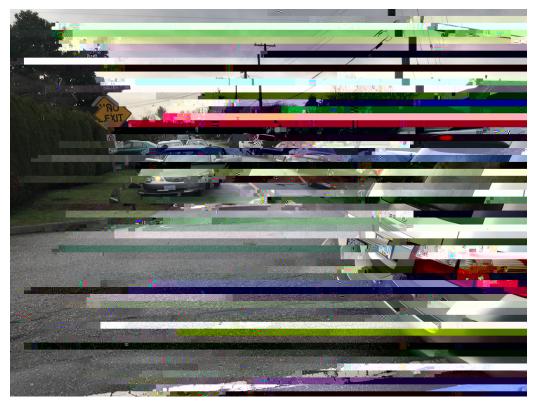


Figure 3B – A second image of Sprice Street. Note parking right at stop line (not uncommon).

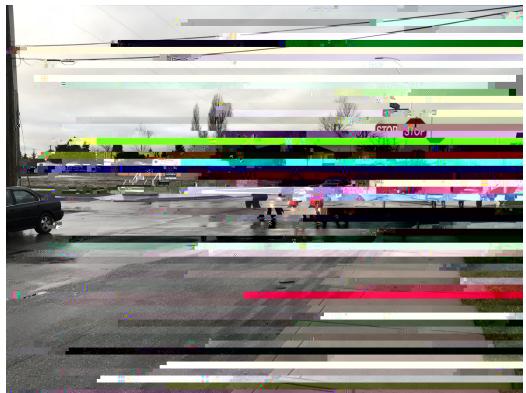


Figure 4 – Howes and Salter Streets: families use all four sides of the crosswalk yet only one is painted.

One further complication with the parking situation at QEES is the School Board policy that students from to Grade Two need to be physically handed off to their teach to the morning bell and again received following afternoon bell. While this is an understandable policy for child safety, a significant population are not in walking distance from the school, meaning that many parents are leaving their vehicles in this is an or unsafe spaces to collect their childralter, Howes, Sprice and surrounding streets end up filled with cars often double parked along deep ditches while parents wait to receive/