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**Subject:** RE: Traffic safety surrounding school area

Dear Ms. Little

Thank you for your email which was referred to me for reply. Your request for an adult crossing guard should be directed to School District 41 via the principal of your school, Deb Taylor. The School District directly controls and is responsible for the adult crossing guard program. Your request for increased police presence should be directed to the RCMP and I've noticed that you have copied Alberta Yep who will hopefully provide what she can as their resources and priorities allow. I will also request, by copy of this email to John Parkins, that our Parking Bylaw Officers attend on occasion to enforce existing parking regulations where required.

The location of Montecito School is not unique relative to many elementary schools in the area such as Aubrey (adjacent to Curtis St), Capitol Hill (adjacent to Hastings St), and Sperling (adjacent to Sperling St). The City has ensured that all school zones and crossings are appropriately signed and marked to make it as safe as possible. In the case of Montecito, we have even installed curb bulges at some expense to reduce the crossing distance across Duthie St. We do recognize that we cannot directly control driver behaviour, other than through enforcement and education. In terms of education, I would highly recommend that you work with the school administrators and/or the PAC to develop a program to remind parents of appropriate driving and parking behaviour around the school. The concerns you have during school drop off and pick up times are directly attributable to parents of students attending the school. In this regard, some schools have found it helpful to have parent volunteers monitor and encourage appropriate behaviour because enforcement staff cannot be provided on a daily basis. Newsletter or emails to parents, as well as education through their children are other useful techniques.

I hope the information above is useful to you. If you have any further questions about traffic concerns, you may contact Alex Wang, the Traffic Technician for your area at 604-294-7538.

Regards,

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