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To whom it may concern:

I am extremely concerned for the safety of Crofton Elementary School students, their younger siblings, and the children and guardians in our community who regularly use the school playground.

Traffic along York ave, including the steady flow of vehicles from the Salt Spring ferry, consistently exceeds safe speeds throughout the day. This speeding is not limited to drop-off and pick-up; it continues throughout the full day. This is not an occasional issue—it is ongoing and well known. Many students are young, some are flight risks, and younger siblings are often present during these high-traffic periods.

My own son was a flight risk when he was younger. There was an incident where, had the principal not been present to physically intervene, he would have run directly into the road. That moment could have changed multiple lives forever.

This is precisely why speed bumps and traffic-calming measures exist near schools and parks—because children are unpredictable, and it only takes a split second for tragedy to occur.

Additionally, this location is not just a school zone during limited hours. It is an active playground used throughout the day, in the evenings, and on weekends. Despite this, there is a serious lack of appropriate signage and traffic-calming infrastructure along York ave. This is unacceptable given the known risks and traffic volume.

Many parents have written, called, and raised concerns about this issue for years. To date, no meaningful action has been taken. I must ask: does it take the loss of a child's life—and the permanent devastation of a driver's life—before proactive measures are implemented?

I am asking the municipality to act before something irreversible happens. Please take these concerns seriously and implement appropriate safety measures such as improved signage, speed bumps, and enforcement. The amount of traffic is not going to decrease. By adding extra traffic calming measures, it will ensure the safety of students for years to come and done properly can add an active transportation corridor for the health and welfare of all citizens of Crofton.

Our children's safety should not be reactive—it should be a priority.

Thank you for your time. We would like to know the next steps in having our community of people being heard. I have petitions signed and would like to hand them in for your review as well. I hope we can discuss this matter soon and take steps into helping the community of Crofton.

Laura Lenzi,

Concerned community member-Crofton.