



**To:** Scott Niehaus, Village Manager  
**From:** Lieutenant Joe Grage, Police Department  
**Through:** Roy Newton, Chief of Police  
**Date:** May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
**Subject:** Public Safety and Transportation and Safety Committee Recommendation

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**Request for School Speed Zone-Soaring Eagle Academy, 800 Parkview Blvd.**

On March 8th, 2018 I received an email from Patti Marino, the interim principal of Soaring Eagle Academy, 800 Parkview Blvd (attached). Ms. Marino requested a school speed zone for the school in her email and added that the school serves students with significant Autism. While the school maintains 1:1 and 2:1 student/teacher ratios, students are still known to run and Soaring Eagle Academy staff believes that the school zone will make it safer, especially during drop off and pickup.

I reviewed the request and found that the posting of a school speed zone at that location is permissible under the Illinois Vehicle Code. I also forwarded the information to Matt Lew at Public Works and he advised that they have no objections to it.

In addition to our internal review, I also had a community service officer hand out flyers to 16 other businesses on that street seeking input from area roadway users. I received feedback from two of the businesses supporting the school zone. A third business was concerned that the school zone would be used for the Village to generate revenue via traffic fines and that the topography of the area would make it difficult to not exceed the speed limit. He was assured that revenue is never a motivation for the enforcement of any traffic laws.

The Police Department recommended the implementation of a school speed zone at that location at the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 PSTC meeting. The principal of Soaring Eagle Academy was present and spoke to the committee regarding their request. The PSTC approved the request and the Police Department's recommendation.