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To: Stan Rickard, Director of Public Works

From: John Johnson, Technical Services Supervisor *jj*

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Subject: Schafer School Signage Changes

Officer Joe Wagner, of the Lombard Police Department, observed some traffic problems on Berkshire between Vista and Westwood. Vehicles were double parking and making it difficult for through traffic to flow. In one particular instance, southbound traffic on Clarendon was trying to merge with eastbound traffic on Berkshire. To correct this situation, a temporary "One Way" with a supplementary sign that reads "School Days, 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM, 2 PM - 3 PM" was installed for northbound Clarendon. Signs were also installed on Clarendon and Sunset to advise drivers of the "One Way" signage.

The second problem was the somewhat confusing signage on the south side of Berkshire. The signage that pertained to "No Parking" was removed. Then 3 types of signs were installed in the drop off zone that read, "Student Drop Off and Pickup", "Pull Forward" and "Do Not Leave Your Vehicle".

Use of the "Bus Zone" for pickup and drop off was the third problem. A "Bus Zone When Flashing" sign was mounted to an A-frame sign stand with a yellow flasher. This will be put out in the street at the appropriate bus pickup and drop off times. At other times, parents will be able to use this zone, which will improve the drop off and pickup of children.

A fourth problem was the mid-block crosswalk. Although the crossing is safe, a portable stop sign was mounted to a plastic "A" frame sign stand with a red flashing light and placed in the middle of the street near the crosswalk. This will improve the wellbeing of the children that are crossing.

I would recommend accepting the above improvements in order to increase the safety of the children and create a more orderly movement of traffic.

cc: Rick Soderstrom, Trustee, District 6  
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 Transportation and Safety Committee