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TO: Deputy Chief Wirsing

FROM: Lt. Joe Grage #754

DATE: 04/11/18

SUBJECT: Public Safety and Transportation Committee Agenda Item:
School Zone Request: Soaring Eagle Academy
800 Parkview Blvd.

Sir,

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.

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. I have attached an overhead map of the area showing an approximation of the school speed zone's location.

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.

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One business, Midwest Mechanical (801 Parkview), expressed concerns about a school speed zone at that location. I spoke with the president of the business, Mr. Sam Giampapa, who was concerned that it would lead to him employees receiving speeding citations. He advised that it was difficult for vehicles to maintain a constant speed as they head from the 900 block of Parkview (near IL 53 and I-355) to the 800 block due to the topography of the area. I assured Mr. Giampapa that a warning period would occur prior to enforcement if the school speed zone was approved. I also assured him that the goal of the Lombard Police Department was safety for the children of Soaring Eagle Academy and other roadway users and not revenue from speeding citations. He was advised that the matter would be heard at the next PSTC meeting in May and I provided him with the date, time, and location for the meeting. I told him he would have an opportunity to voice his concerns at the meeting should he choose to do so.

I am recommending that a school speed zone be posted in the area of the Soaring Eagle Academy. I contacted Ms. Marino and told her that the matter would be heard at the PSTC's May meeting and provided her with the date, time, and location of the meeting. I suggested that she or a representative from the school attend the meeting.

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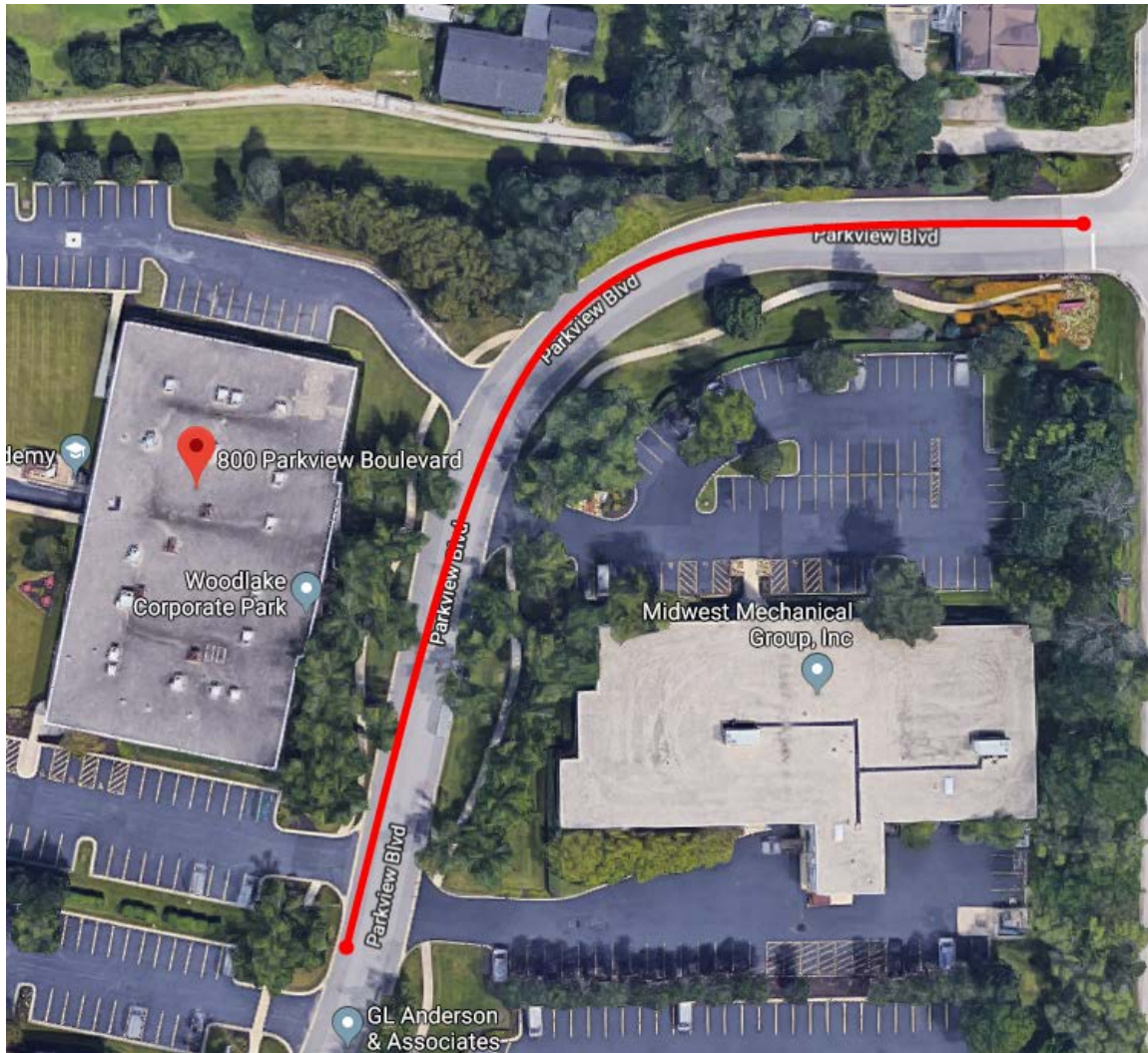
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OVERHEAD VIEW OF REQUESTED SCHOOL ZONE

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Grage, Joseph

From: Patti Marino <patti@soaringeagleacademy.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2018 2:18 PM
To: Grage, Joseph
Subject: School zone

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Dear LT. Grage,

I am the Interim Principal at Soaring Eagle Academy, a school for students with significant Autism. We are located at 800 Parkview Blvd, in the Industrial Park. All of our students have a 1:1 Teacher's Assistant; however, many of them attempt to flee. (Some are pretty fast). We are the first building off Highway #53 and cars, not aware we are a school, tend to go pretty fast.

Detective Sherie Eakins visited our program yesterday and I asked her about the possibility of having a sign posted on both sides of Parkview, indicating a reduction in speed, due to a school zone. She suggested I contact you.

Please let me know if this is a possibility. Thank you for your consideration.

Best Wishes,

Patti Marino
Interim Principal
Soaring Eagle Academy