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Dear Members of the Concord City Council,

We would like to introduce ourselves as third graders in Mrs. Bonnie Larochelle's class at Christa McAuliffe School. We have some safety concerns regarding our school that we would like to share with you in hopes of coming up with a solution to these issues. We recently met with Officer Ryder from the Concord Police Dept regarding our concerns and he encouraged us to contact you.

As we are sure you are aware, our school is located between two very busy streets, No Spring and Rumford. No. Spring is a dedicated safety zone area with flashing lights. Rumford St., however, is not. Rumford St. is where our buses load and unload and where many students walk to school. It is actually the busier of the two streets. Staff have often witnessed cars flying by buses when their flashing lights are on. Students are crossing in the middle of the street and there have been times when students have almost gotten hit.

We are worried about this and would like to suggest a solution. We are hoping that flashing lights and a speed limit of 20 be posted on both ends of Rumford St. We would also like to request that crosswalks be painted in the middle of both streets so that there would be a safe place for students and parents to cross without having to walk all the way to the intersecting streets.

We know that as a council you have the safety of all of us in mind and we are thankful that you do. We are hoping that you will take our recommendations into consideration so that we might be able to start school in the fall in a safer environment.

Thank you very much for listening to our concerns.

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