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Dear Mayor Champlin, Members of the City Council and City Manager Aspell,

The safety of our students is a top priority for families and for the School District, and that includes ensuring that students have safe routes to and from school.

To help ensure safe student travel, the District deploys crossing guards to nine heavy traffic areas to help students safely cross busy intersections. Crossing Guards work two hours a day, one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon.

Currently the District attempts to cover nine locations with crossing guards:

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| 1. South Curtisville Road | Broken Ground and Mill Brook Schools |
| 2. Sewalls Falls Road | Beaver Meadow School |
| 3. South Street | Abbot Downing School |
| 4. South Street | Rundlett Middle School |
| 5. Warren Street/N. Spring St. | Christa McAuliffe School |
| 6. Warren Street/Rumford St. | Christa McAuliffe School |
| 7. Centre Street/N. Spring St. | Christa McAuliffe School |
| 8. Centre Street and Liberty St. | Christa McAuliffe School |
| 9. Warren and Westbourne St. | Concord High School |

However, in recent years, the District has experienced significant challenges in keeping crossing guard positions filled and has begun looking for alternatives to help ensure student safety.

The Board of Education voted to request that the City of Concord install "Rapid Flashing Beacon" (RRFB) at Centre Street and Rumford Street, due to the limited visibility caused by street parking, as well as the high-traffic volume. The average cost for a crossing guard is \$5,500 per year. While the RRFB removes a personal touch for families, it provides a consistent visual reminder to drivers, 24 hours a day. The City currently uses this device on Whitney Road.

The Board is seeking the Council and City's support and approval for the RRFB.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. Members of the Board are more than happy to discuss cost sharing and attend a city council meeting to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela M. Walsh".

Pamela M. Walsh

President, Concord Board of Education