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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to ask you to reconsider the proposal to remove the traffic lights at the intersection of S. 60th Street and Lapham Street. Our concern focuses on the students attending Horace Mann Elementary School which is located on Lapham Street between 62nd and 63rd Streets. If the traffic lights are eliminated at this intersection, school children will have to either walk north to Greenfield Avenue or south to Mitchell Street. We feel it is unlikely children will follow this longer route and will instead continue to cross at this now uncontrolled intersection. This creates significant safety concerns for our school children.

We propose to retain these traffic lights, but to have them operate on a "timed" basis. The times they would need to be fully active would be from approximately 7:00a.m. to 9:00a.m. and 2:30p.m. to 4:30p.m. During times these lights are not needed, they could function with a yellow/red flashing signal. In addition the lights would not need to be fully functional during the summer months.

Please consider this proposal as we feel this would best suit both the safety needs of our children and better traffic flow for our vehicle operators. Please contact me with any further questions or information you might need. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kurt D. Wachholz'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the 'z'.

Kurt Wachholz,
District Administrator,
West Allis – West Milwaukee Schools, et al.