

WILLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Phil Stevens, Superintendent

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Dear Willington Residents,

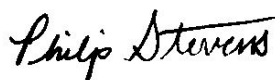
Vehicles speeding on Route 32 in front of Hall School are creating unsafe conditions for pedestrians and other motorists. A traffic study in the Spring of 2019 noted cars continue to zoom past the school despite the flashing 25mph school zone signs that blink from 7:00-8:00 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m. Mornings are extremely busy in front of Hall School as students are being dropped off, the staff is crossing the road in the crosswalk, and buses are pulling in and out of the HMS driveway.

Over the last 6 months, we have made significant strides to improve pedestrian safety including the removal of dead trees and shrubs to increase the sightline for motorists, placing large cones in the road before and after the crosswalk, utilizing police support for radar, and collecting traffic data. Soon we will be adding push-button flashing pedestrian signs as well as radar signs that display the speed of each car. The radar signs will collect speed data which will be reviewed on a regular basis.

Close to 5,000 cars pass Hall School on a daily basis. One critical factor that could drastically improve our speed concerns is the power of one driver slowing down to 25mph. When a driver slows down all the other cars are forced to slow down as well. Please consider this letter as a personal request to slow down in front of Hall School. Your diligence to slow down will greatly help reduce the speed of traffic and improve the safety of our students, staff and community members.

Please lead by example and slow down. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Philip Stevens