

Glidden Staff Direction
Committee of the whole

Establishing multi-department task force to review and respond to traffic and safety issues for select Minneapolis Public School buildings

From February to May of 2008, the City-School Board Collaboration, including three Councilmembers and three Minneapolis School Board Directors as well as staff from the City and Schools, met and discussed issues identified by the schools as requiring closer partnership with the City of Minneapolis. Whereas the City-School Board Collaboration identified safety and traffic issues around select school buildings to be the highest priority for ongoing staff collaboration, the City Council directs Police, Public Works, Health and Family Support, and Regulatory Services staff to work together with staff identified by Minneapolis Public Schools as follows:

- Review and implement strategies around select schools for improving safety and perception of safety around and near school buildings;
- Review and implement strategies around select schools for improving traffic safety around and near school buildings;
- Review existing policies and procedures and implement strategies for maintenance and safety in and around vacant buildings owned by Minneapolis Public Schools;
- Build stronger relationships and lines of communication around existing programs to address traffic and safety issues, such City of Minneapolis "Safe Routes to School" program administered by the Department of Health and Family Support and "School Pedestrian Safety Program" administered by the Public Works Department;
- Report to policy-makers, including a report to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee by in January of 2009, regarding the results of the above work, including but not limited to any policy recommendations and recommendations for updating department business plans.

Future and ongoing issues may be referred to the City of Minneapolis Coordinating Committee for independent board and City public officials.