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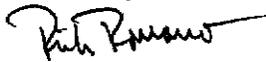
Mr. Gary Schiff
Council Member Ward 9
City of Minneapolis
350 South 5th Street
Room 307
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1383

Dear Mr. Schiff:

On behalf of our school and the Minneapolis American Indian Community I would like to thank you for your support of Anishinabe Academy. We appreciate your active involvement and participation. I am writing you to follow up with our meeting concerning the safety of our students. Our entire school body, 210 students, attend gym classes at the YWCA across 22nd avenue. Our students attend gym everyday which totals over 400 daily crossings across the street by children under the age of 14 years old. We have taken measures to protect the children in the forms of reflective vests and crossing flags. The daily risk to the safety of the students remains high and there have been instances where tragic consequences were avoided. The cars driving down 22nd Avenue need a more permanent solution like a stop sign or a painted crosswalk with flashing lights to control their speed and awareness of the children present.

I know that you are equally concerned about this issue and that the decision for a safer solution does not rest solely in your office. Please inform all decision makers of our situation and the need for action to protect the children of the Minneapolis American Indian Community. A tragic accident involving a child will be a sad method to create a call for action.

Sincerely,



Rich Romano
Assistant Principal