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Public Hearing for Child Pedestrian Safety

Town of Boonsboro and the Boonsboro Educational Complex

August 15, 2022 at 6:00PM

Dear Residents and Parents of Students in the South County School District,

I'm writing to make you aware of a public safety issue in our community that we've been working hard to fix: the intersection of Campus Avenue and Maple Avenue at the Boonsboro Educational Complex, and the absence of a traffic light and pedestrian crosswalks. We need a crosswalk and a lighted intersection to safely get our children to and from campus and to better control the flow of traffic. Maple Avenue (Route 66) is heavily used, to travel back and forth from Hagerstown. A recent Boonsboro Police Department Speed Study shows more than 4,000 cars using Maple Avenue every day, and more than 800 of them were speeding (42MPH+ in a 30MPH zone). The congestion caused by arrival and dismissal at the Boonsboro Educational Complex makes the intersection even more dangerous. We need to be proactive before a tragedy occurs.

We have been working diligently with a local developer, the State Highway Administration, Potomac Edison and local residents to install a traffic-lighted intersection and crosswalks at Maple and Campus Avenues with the next phase development at the neighboring Fletcher's Grove neighborhood. The proposed project creates a 4-way intersection joining Chase Six Boulevard and Campus Avenue where they intersect at Maple Avenue. The State Highway Administration, the Fletcher's Grove Developer and the Town all agree the intersection is essential for the safety of our students and residents, both now and as the Town grows. The project will be paid for entirely with grant funding and adequate contributions from the developer. The Board of Education will not bear any of the cost.

The Board of Education rejected the intersection plan and refuses to communicate or collaborate with the other agencies involved because the proposed project includes "swapping" one acre of land with a neighbor on Maple Avenue.

Please join us for a **Public Hearing on August 15, 2022 at 6:00PM** at the **Boonsboro American Legion – 710 North Main Street**, for discussion and review of the planned intersection and the public safety issue we're working to correct. Boonsboro is a Family Community. Nothing is more important than the safety of our children. The Board of Education must support the intersection project and work with us to make it happen! Anything less is irresponsible, and we deserve better!

Sincerely,

Howard Long, Mayor
Town of Boonsboro