

January 6, 2014

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter relates to the proposed Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project in Hinesburg (completion date – summer 2014) and is delivered on behalf of the Hinesburg School Board of Directors.

The construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Route 116 from Charlotte Road to the entrance of Hinesburg Community School creates significant concerns for the safety of our students. Our principal concern lies with the fact that in order to arrive at school in the morning, students would have to cross an extremely dangerous intersection, where Silver Street meets Route 116, during the busy morning commute. Moreover, after crossing that intersection, students would then need to safely maneuver across the school's parking lot entrance and exit which is used extensively for drop-offs during school opening. Given the significant potential for pedestrian injury in all such crossings, we do not believe that the project results in a Safe Route to School at all. Therefore, we oppose the project and request that you develop a safer alternative.

Sincerely,



Keith A. Roberts, Chair
Hinesburg School Board of Directors

Cc: Joe Colangelo, Town Administrator – Town of Hinesburg
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