

TO: Town of Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy
Town of Carrboro Mayor Mark Chilton

FROM: Frank Porter Graham Elementary School Governance Committee

And

Berryhill Homeowners' Association

RE: Flashing Speed Limit Lights for School Zone

DATE: May 12, 2006

On behalf of the Elementary School community and the Berryhill neighborhood, the School Governance Committee of Frank Porter Graham Elementary is resubmitting a request that flashing lights be installed at the appropriate location on Smith Level Road near the school entrance. Our first request for flashing speed limit lights and reduced speed limit on Smith Level Road in November 2003 resulted in a lowering of the speed limit from 45 to 35 MPH.

Speeding remains a problem on Smith Level Road. Parents continue to notewhile walking with their children along Smith Level Road that motorists rarely honor the school zone speed limit let alone the regular speed limit. Public safety personnel rarely enforce the speed limit in this area. The confluence of Merritt Mill Road, Smith Level Road, South Greensboro Street, and Highway 54 West makes it a difficult area to traverse as well as to see the posted school zone speed limit signs. Also contributing to high speeds on Smith Level Road is the natural descent of Smith Level Road toward Highway 54.

Pedestrian crosswalks placed during the summer of 2003 assist families across Smith Level Road. However, walking along Smith Level Road remains dangerous. It is our hope that flashing lights will remind motorists to reduce their speed as they approach the school zone.

We look forward to a favorable reply to this request. Please direct any questions to Sandra Cianciolo, PTA Secretary, Berryhill resident and parent, at 960-7910. Thank you for your consideration.

CC: Matt Marotto, Steve Greene