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RE: Flashing Speed Limit Lights for School Zone

DATE: November 9, 2003

On behalf of the Elementary School community and the Berryhill neighborhood, the School Governance Committee of Frank Porter Graham is requesting flashing lights be installed at the appropriate location on Smith Level Road. It has been noted by parents walking with their children along Smith Level Road that motorists rarely honor the school zone 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 is difficult to traverse. Additionally, it is difficult for motorists to see the posted school zone speed limit signs. Also contributing to high speeds approaching the school zone are the natural descent and the existing 45 MPH speed limit of Smith Level Road.

While crosswalks placed during the summer of 2003 assist pedestrians across Smith Level Road, walking along Smith Level Road, especially for families with children 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 representative to the School Governance Committee, Berryhill resident and parent, at 960-7910. Thank you for your consideration.

Cc: Lisa Stuckey