

July 24, 2017

Principal Morris

Memorial Spaulding School

Dear Principal Morris:

As you are aware, the police department has been unable to hire and retain enough school traffic supervisors to cover all of the current school crossing locations. When a school traffic supervisor is absent from duty due to illness, vacation or injury, the crossing post has to be covered by an on duty police officer. This last school year the crossing guard assigned to Dedham Street at Oakhill- Maria Musto was out due to a family issue, while Maria was out I assigned a traffic officer to her post daily and the traffic officer reported that they never crossed children at that location.

After careful consideration and review, I have decided to eliminate one post at Dedham and Oakhill. I met with the Transportation Coordinator Regina Moody to discuss alternatives for students and parents who may have used that post on occasion. I was told that the City provides busing for children who live in the Oakhill area and that we have several bus stops- Fredette at Saw mill brook, Wiswall at McCarthy, Van Roosen at K Roadway and Oakhill Community Center. I am planning to implement this change on Sept 5, 2017 when students return from summer vacation.

Thank you for your understanding,


Officer Dawn Fleming