

Dear Board members,

I am writing out of desperation to a situation our kindergartner has been placed in. We recently received our bus stop location which is nearly three quarters of a mile from our house with half of the walk taking place on a narrow, windy road that has no sidewalks or lane lines and is a main thoroughway for local traffic hurriedly attempting to get to and from especially in the a.m. and p.m. Where is he even supposed to walk? Unfortunately, it is not always possible to bring our children to the bus stop and pick them up every day. We are two working parents. We chose the school for our kindergartner because our daughter attends the school as well and is currently in fifth grade. I've reached out to the school and the bus company and am told, while they also agree that it is too far and not safe, there is nothing that can be done. Their time margin is too low and it would cause them to be late. I'd also like to point out that our daughter was habitually late to school last year while riding the same bus (different stop as we moved). Additionally, in contradiction to our situation, we received an email from the school describing longer bus routes this year to provide extra stops to young students for safety purposes. If this is true, why does it not apply to our young student?

We are extremely frustrated as we feel like we are not being heard or taken seriously. We have to advocate for the safety of our children and expected that this would be taken seriously.

We don't expect curbside pickup but do expect a partnership with Nova to help facilitate safe transportation to and from school.

Thanks for your attention and response to this matter.

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