

Boxes to tick:

- Problem: Show this is a problem that needs a solution
- Busing: Address why we can't bus from 1 mile radius, hire more drivers, etc.
- Wetlands: Have an expert officially designate the land as a wetland
- Emergency vehicle access: Have another entrance or one designated for emergencies
- Greenspaces: Protect the playground area
- Safety: Maintain (not increase) traffic volume through the neighborhood/Fairhills
- Safety: Plan for walk/bike students getting to and from school
- Safety: Avoid Jolly/Fairhills intersection
- Sense of community: Maintain Spring Lake property values and quality of life
- Meridian Township: Create a school zone
- ICRC: Share traffic study
- ICRC: Lower speed limit on Jolly
- ICRC: No left turns during drop off and pick up

**Proposed Alternatives:**

- One way in from Summergate, out on Jolly
- Purchase nearby farm land to build a skywalk over Jolly
- Emergency lane off Jolly
- Expand/widen current entrance
- Entrance on Jolly
- Extend the north loop of the school (to the east of the parking lot, or into the woods along Jolly)
- Bus only off of Fairhills
- Expand parking
- Jolly Road entrance with traffic light

From January 10 Board Meeting:

**Don't see a problem to fix.** Not convinced this is a problem. Problem is exaggerated. Show data on how this is a problem. Why are we doing this? What is the compelling need? Is it truly dangerous? Who is supporting this when there is no public support at board meetings? No need to proceed at this time. A lot of money to not completely solve the problem. Why is the experience of kids who go to Hiawatha not the #1 criteria. This isn't even listed. Who cares about parking spaces? Waste of resources. Special event parking – boo hoo. Solution for a non-problem. Is a 2nd entrance a must? A study to find out if this is actually a problem. Special events aren't really an issue. Start with signage, see if more is needed.

**Busing/Walking/Biking.** Encourage students to walk or bike. Don't allow parents to drop off or pick up within a half-mile or a third of a mile from the school. Shorten busing boundaries to 1 mile. Have bus drivers become OPS employees to make the job more enticing. "Tuition" bus for those within the 1.5 mile boundary. More buses than personal cars. Resume bus service to Briarwood. More buses. Increase bus distance. Increase bus transportation. Pay bus drivers more. Change the ability to take the bus to 1 mile. Decrease busing limit to 1 mile. Purchase multiple electric buses. Increase sidewalks from Fairhills to encourage walking.

**Wetlands designation.** Woods on Jolly are not wetlands per Meridian Township. No wetlands on property. Wetlands? Meridian claimed no. Not a high quality wetland. Get a good wetland consultant. No wetlands. "It's probably a wetland" is inconsistent with the concept of "expert." This is critical when school board decisions are based on expert advice. Provide wetlands information. Stop saying there are wetlands when there are no wetlands.

**Emergency vehicle access.** A priority. Connection between bus loop and car line in case of emergency. Creating another access point for emergency vehicles should be at the top of the priorities. Could there be a separate emergency only entrance/exit

**ICRD.** speed limit lowered to 35 mph on Jolly. No left turn on Jolly during drop off and pick up. Get rid of "calming" lane. It is a RAGE lane. 2 near head-on collisions while waiting to take a left onto Fairhills from Jolly heading east. Limited sight lines at Fairhills/Jolly. Traffic light issue on Jolly. Traffic patterns/backups with new proposal (making left turn onto Jolly from Fairhills). Provide traffic study data. Traffic light. Speed reduction with a traffic/ticket camera to enforce and auto-ticket violators. Fairhills/Jolly intersection has not been studied and needs to be sight lines not sufficient. Convert back to 4 lanes of road. Right turn only from southbound Summergate to Jolly. Please explain why a traffic light at the Jolly road entrance is not considered as a viable solution.

**Meridian Township.** School zone. Create school zone. Please make it a 15mph speed limit and enforce it on Beech Tree lane, spring lake de, and Fairhills Dr. enforce with cops or speedometer. "No parking" signage in the neighborhoods

**Safety.** Unsafe hazards. Sight lines at Fairhills are insufficient. Fast moving traffic and hill makes for a dangerous situation. No left turn (lane) onto Jolly. Traffic increase. Safety and security. Will create traffic nightmares. Increased risk with sight lines and speed on Jolly. Safety at Fairhills and Jolly. Safety of students. Safety of students is (Hood) priority, but it is also the safety of people getting to and from school. Safety of Fairhills/Jolly. Safety of students and neighborhood. Increases traffic greatly through neighborhood streets. Increased risk to children walking to school; which may exceed risk reduction from reducing congestion. The turn to Fairhills from Jolly is already difficult due to the blind spot. Safety of Fairhills and Jolly. Safety issue to remove berm. Clean sidewalks and bike path when poor weather, this discourages neighbors to walk to school. My concerns are those of safety. The danger of the oncoming traffic on Jolly westbound at over 60mph as well as the fact that there is a blind spot will be extremely dangerous to drivers. Additionally the neighborhood will be flooded with traffic, making it difficult for those who choose to walk to school.

**Green space:** Green space destruction. Save the playground for the children, not a road. If must come in off of Fairhills, as close to Jolly as possible and not so long of a loop through the playground Do not have cars driving through the playground. Too much concrete with new proposal. Possible flooding onto Elk Lane.

**Community:** Effect on property values. New problems in neighboring subdivision. Don't use \$ card. Congestion of neighborhood. Will increase traffic through the neighborhood exponentially. It is not fair to Spring Lake subdivision to make this big of a change, decreases our property values and

impacts our quality of life. We are paying for these school improvements and we don't want this drive.