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The new Sarah Smith School campus on Wieuca Road will be a significant addition to our community. The placement of the school on such a heavily traveled road with its attendant danger to students and staff is of concern. We are reaching out to the proper authorities to guarantee that the needed safety measures be implemented promptly.

This letter provides information about the student population potentially walking to the new school campus, about neighborhood sentiments regarding the desirability of various types of infrastructure improvements, and recommends a set of changes this association believes are necessary to provide a safe environment for school students, residents and drivers who use area streets.

In this report we identify 29 areas requiring action, almost all of which must be accomplished promptly.

- TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND ALL-WAY STOPS – 4 intersections require action
- SPEED LIMITS AND SPEED ENFORCEMENT – 2 streets require action
- SIDEWALKS – 11 areas of action required
- CROSSWALKS – 9 crosswalks at 8 intersections require action
- SIGNAGE AND OTHER – 3 areas of action are required

The following is a list of exhibits to this letter with a brief comment about their purpose.

- EXHIBIT A. [NBCA Traffic Committee Student Pedestrian Analysis, 8/28/09.](#)

This document identifies the student population living within one mile of the school and contains maps showing their walking path to the school under several different scenarios.

- EXHIBIT B. [NBCA Wieuca Road Survey, 9/27/09.](#)

This 130-page report analyzes 336 resident responses to survey questions about Wieuca Road. The report documents substantial neighborhood support for a number of improvements along the road needed to provide safe use of the new school campus.

- EXHIBIT C. NBCA Recommendations for Wieuca Road, 10/7/09.

The NBCA board has defined the specific nature of the improvements we think necessary, consistent with and supporting exhibits A and B.

This association believes that improvements along Wieuca Road must be accomplished in phases.

PHASE 1. Initial changes needed for safe access to the school. In particular, this plan should identify a safe and affordable plan for the student population identified in EXHIBIT A.

PHASE 2. Determine the impact of these changes in the spring of 2010.

PHASE 3. Recommend and implement additional follow-on improvements for Wieuca Road.

With the scheduled school opening breathing down our necks, NBCA urges the City to embrace these findings and recommendations so that they become a blueprint around which we can all rally, and to implement them with dispatch. NBCA stands ready to support this critical effort.

Again, the issues are the safety of our children and the residential character of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

[Original signed by]

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cc: Mayor Shirley Franklin

Note: Referenced exhibits are available on-line at www.nbca.org/Wieuca_Survey.