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Dear Parents,

I am happy to report that the student who was injured Thursday, November 10 is continuing to improve and starting the process of recovery. We continue to send our thoughts and prayers to him and his family during this time. We are working with our students and support groups to assist the family during this time and more information will be forthcoming.

In light of this accident, we have been in continuous communication with Mayor Davidson and Police Chief Baumgart to evaluate our current protocols for students who walk to school, as well as the City's plan to add additional crosswalks concurrent with the paving schedule for State Rte. 306 in 2017. For more information on the additional crosswalks, I would direct you to the letter Mayor Davidson has issued which is attached on the next page of this document.

In the meantime, we ask that you please review the following walking procedures with your student(s). Mr. VanArnhem reviewed them today with our elementary students and all administrators will reinforce them again on Monday. The procedures are as follows:

Students who live on the east side of Chillicothe:

Students who need to cross Chillicothe Road are directed to use the crosswalk at the corner of Joseph Street and Chillicothe Road. This provides the safest route to access either side of Chillicothe Road. Although inconvenient, students should not attempt to cross at other locations until the City has added additional crosswalks. Our priority is safety. Administrators will be in front of campus to redirect students as needed.

Students who reside on the west side of Chillicothe on/off of Joseph:

Students should use the entrance/exit in the rear of KES and use the sidewalk that runs parallel to our back entrance. Due to the lack of sidewalks along most of this area, students should walk facing oncoming traffic, keeping as far to the side of the road as possible to provide additional space between themselves and oncoming traffic, as recommended by the National Center for Safe Routes to School.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bill Wade

Superintendent Kirtland Local Schools

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Dear Kirtland Residents,

On Thursday morning November the 10th, 2016 there was a serious pedestrian/ vehicle accident on State Rte. 306 in front of our school. Our safety forces responded immediately to the site, as did school staff and passersby who witnessed the accident. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the young man who was struck, and his family as he works through the immediate treatments and the recuperation.

The police and fire chiefs notified me of the incident that morning, and an additional series of notifications and conversations ensued. I have been communicating regularly with Superintendent Bill Wade, Council President Umholtz and others in the administration on the topic.

After watching the school security video of the incident today alongside Chief Baumgart and Lieutenant Nosse, its clear that the status quo will not be acceptable moving forward. Its not possible to unsee the video of the accident.

This afternoon I inquired of the city engineer whether plans existed for additional crosswalks and hearing that there were none, informed him that we would be working toward getting the appropriate engineering and design in place to implement the crosswalks concurrent with paving schedule for State Rte 306 in 2017. We should also understand that crosswalks may or may not have prevented the accident which occurred. Driver speed, the pedestrian's attention to the risk of crossing the road, the attention that we all do or do not give while operating in a school zone, makes a huge difference in our children's safety.

I will be working to keep you posted through communication with Bill Wade, through City Council and the City website, as we work through the engineering, enforcement, and education to achieve safer streets.

Respectfully,



Doug Davidson
Mayor of Kirtland