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Subject: School Zone Speed Limits

Hello Michael:

Unfortunately I will be unable to attend the meeting set for tomorrow to discuss the above, but I would like you, as my counselor to pass along my input.

I do not believe it is necessary to go as low as 30 - 30 is very slow, I tried it the other day while out running some errands and found it awkwardly slow and I feel no one would ever adhere to it. I really don't think 40 is necessary either. When will it all stop - if we put the speed to 40 around schools, what next - 40 at arenas, parks, soccer field etc, wherever we might find children? Furthermore, if anyone thinks this will encourage children to walk to school, they are mistaken. Parents today are fearful of letting their kids walk to school - not because of the speed of the traffic as much as for the fact that children, such as Victoria Stafford, simply never made it home.

Further, having the speed lowered 24-7 - 365 days is crazy - the children are not in school year-round - make it from Sept 1 - July 1st - or only 5 days, not 7 but there is just nothing to justify 365 days.

My opinion, for what it is worth.

Thank you

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