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As Vice-Principal of Byron Southwood Public School, I want to express my thorough support for the anticipated plans of sidewalk installations near our school. The safety and well-being of our children depend on it.

Firstly, our biggest priority is that our students are safe, both at school and on the way to school. I am reminded daily of the dangerous position we put our students in when they have no protected space to walk. The constant competition between parked cars, moving cars and school buses is relentless, leaving no room for pedestrians, much less neighbours with accessibility demands.

Secondly, I firmly believe more students would walk, or cycle, to school if there were sidewalks. Having sidewalks connect our school to both Byron Baseline and Boler Road fills in the missing links. Without that infrastructure, our attempts at encouraging active lifestyles in our future generations fail.

I anticipate astounding support for the sidewalk initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Annette Gilbert", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Annette Gilbert, Vice-Principal
Byron Southwood P.S.