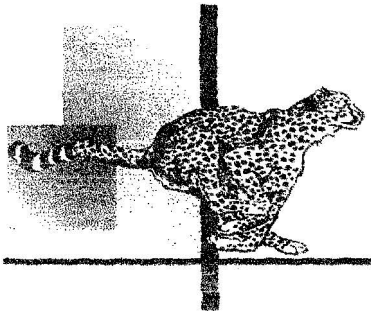
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Dear Dr. Vance, Ms. Hotaling, Chief Ramsey, Mr. Lockridge, & Councilmember Chavous:

On behalf of the Anne Beers Elementary School Parent Teacher Association, this letter is written to request your assistance and expertise on some issues that affect the children, parents, teachers, and community of Beers. As the PTA President, it is my responsibility to be an advocate for the children of Beers, and in some instances for the parents, teachers and community.

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention some of the concerns that we have had at Beers over the years and to have these concerns addressed and resolved. I know from experience that one person cannot possibly think of solutions to every problem; therefore, I have also listed some recommended solutions.

PROBLEM
Speeding motorists in the 3600, 3700, & 3800 blocks of Alabama Avenue, SE

SOLUTIONS
1. Place a Stop Sign at the corner of 38th Street & Alabama Avenue, SE - to bring motorists to a stop so they will see our children - every year at least two students at Beers are struck by cars
2. Place Rumble Strips ON Alabama Avenue at 36th Place, SE - to slow motorists down when approaching the school

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3. Install a Red Light Camera ON Alabama Avenue at 36th Place, SE - to deter motorists from running the light

PROBLEM
Since the end of last school year (99-00), Anne Beers Elementary School has been without a crossing guard. The student population at Beers is 561 (imagine most of these children being dismissed at the same time and then imagine most of them having to cross the street).

SOLUTION
- Hire a permanent crossing guard whose sole responsibility is to help the children cross the street.

PROBLEM
The length of time that the light remains green when exiting 36th Place is too short. The children do not have enough time to cross the street and only one or two cars can exit 36th Place before the light changes.

SOLUTION
- Lengthen the time the light remains green when exiting from 36th Place, thereby allowing the children more time to cross the street and more time for the parents/teachers to exit 36th Place.

PROBLEM
Limited parking for teachers, staff, parents, and visitors

SOLUTION
- Construct a parking lot behind the school

There is a brick wall and grounds behind the school that can be dug up and flattened to create a parking lot that will accommodate 15-20 cars on a first-come, first-served basis. Of course, this lot must be fenced in for the protection of our children.

Every school has a parking lot except Beers - Why is that? There are approximately 75 staff members at Beers; most of them drive, only to get to work and have no where to park. The residents are also limited to parking because when they come home, there is no where for them to park.

If you have ever visited Beers, then you know there is limited legal parking. I have spoken with a DCPS official who stated he did not want to conduct a meeting at Beers because there is no where to park.

IN CONCLUSION
We, at Beers, consider these problems most urgent and would appreciate action on them. Thank you in advance for your assistance and for caring about our family.

Educationally yours,

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