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Mr. Peter Braun
Director of Operations
Lab School of Washington
4759 Reservoir Road, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mr. Braun:

This afternoon at 15:17 hours you witnessed the "near miss" experienced by a Lab School student who, with two other students, started to dart across Whitehaven Parkway to get into her mother's west bound car. Had I not been on the street and in a position to stop her from crossing, the child could have been struck by several moving vehicles that were traveling both north- and southbound on Whitehaven Parkway. Mrs. Christine Adkins acknowledged that she was aware she should pick up her children at the front door of the school.

I explained to you again this afternoon, one day after the BZA hearing, that parents continue to pick up children on Whitehaven and I will continue to issue tickets to parents who insist on parking there to do so. I continue to get resistance from parents who are on Whitehaven rather than at the front of the school. I also informed you that someone from the Lab School needs to be in charge of dismissal. It is my opinion that for safety reasons no parent should be using Whitehaven Parkway as a pick-up point and what happened today is further reason the proposed angled parking spaces are not advisable. There is too much traffic on Whitehaven Parkway at that time of day, as well as in the mornings, which makes the roadway very dangerous.

I am very concerned that the school is not taking the meetings with the BZA more seriously and that only the Metropolitan Police Department is monitoring dismissal.

Sincerely,

Anthony L. McElwee
Badge #3766

Cc: ✓ Geoffrey Griffis, BZA Case #17383

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