From: Chantelle Desrosiers

To: <u>Mz Pea</u>; <u>Julia Fraser</u>; <u>Lisa Guderyan</u>

Cc: Board of Education

**Subject:** Re: Student Safety Concern – Glen Abbey Place (École Glenrosa Middle School)

**Date:** Thursday, October 23, 2025 1:20:41 PM

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## Good afternoon Ms. Phillips,

Thank you for your email and for taking the time to share your observations and concerns regarding student safety near École Glenrosa Middle School. Your detailed description and attachments are very helpful in understanding the situation.

I have copied the full Board of Education on this response to ensure all trustees are aware of your concerns. We will also forward your message to the Operations Department, who are best positioned to review the property boundaries and assess potential safety improvements for the area.

Student safety is a priority for the Board, and public input is always appreciated. Once the Operations team has had an opportunity to review the site, the Board will be updated on any recommended next steps.

Thank you again for bringing this forward and for your continued commitment to the well-being of our students.

Sincerely,
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From: Mz Pea S22

Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 8:51 PM

**To:** Julia Fraser < Julia.Fraser@sd23.bc.ca>; Lisa Guderyan < Lisa.Guderyan@sd23.bc.ca>;

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**Subject:** Student Safety Concern – Glen Abbey Place (École Glenrosa Middle School)

Dear Trustees,

I wish to bring forward a safety concern regarding student traffic at the end of the school day outside École Glenrosa Middle School (GMS). Many students exit school property via Glen Abbey Place, which includes a section of road owned by the School District.

This area becomes highly congested during dismissal and presents a number of risks:

There is no sidewalk on one side of the road.

The unpaved side consists of a rocky slope, making it difficult and unsafe for students to walk on.

As a result, many students walk directly on the road rather than crossing to the side with a sidewalk.

During this same period, two to three buses regularly enter Glen Abbey Place, creating potential for dangerous interactions.

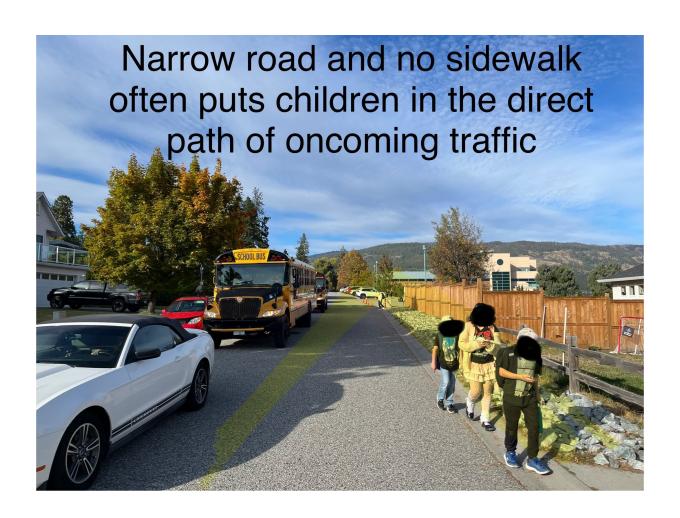
I have personally witnessed students walking on the road while distracted by their phones, and in some cases, stepping into the path of oncoming buses. Although staff are present outside to supervise, the volume of students makes it difficult to ensure everyone's safety in this area.

The City of West Kelowna has agreed to install "No Parking" signage to help reduce congestion; however, because this specific stretch of road is School District property, the City is unable to address the absence of a sidewalk—which I believe is the primary safety concern.

With winter approaching and the likelihood of snow and ice further reducing visibility and footing, I worry this situation will worsen. I respectfully request that the District review this section of Glen Abbey Place and consider options to install a proper sidewalk or other safety measures as soon as possible.

Within this email, please note there are two photos and one video. First photo shows students walking on the road. The second photo is from the city of Kelowna, which indicates where they will be putting the "no parking" signs. And finally, the video attached is a time lapse of students leaving on a typical day. From this view, you will notice the sidewalk required is to the right of the screen. You will notice a staff member standing at the intersection to prevent personal vehicles from using the bus turnaround, this prevents congestion in the parking lot and bus loop and mitigates some risk to student safety.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter and for your continued commitment to student safety.





All the best, **Noni Phillips**