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Hello. My name is Krista stoneman. My daughter is attending grade 8 this year at GMS and I'm again emailing you in regards to the entrance to the school! This year I have decided to email our school board, superintendent and our area board member. With the hopes that we can work together to make this entrance a safe access point for our children & staff!

We live within walking distance. And I have emailed the district of west Kelowna our current principal every year for the last 3 years with concerns about the front entrance to our school. This school has two entrance points!

The trance of concern is the entrance used by all the vehicles entering our school!

There is no crosswalk connecting the city side walk to the sidewalk on the school property. Also the opposite side of the road has no sidewalk. The shoulder on the school side that would connect the school sidewalk and the city sidewalk has been filled with rocks. Although in the warm months it is "walkable". Most students will walk on the road due to its uneven nature, in the path of traffic! As a school our students & staff use this walk path to use the green space outside of school grounds, or choose to walk on the road! Once we receive snow. This is creating an incredible hazard as students are walking on the road because the snow cannot be removed. Partnered with the high volume of traffic. It is incredibly dangerous!

I would like to the see the rocks removed and paved. Or at least removed and gravelled. And a crosswalk added to ensure safety for our students crossing from the city sidewalk side to the school side. I also believe this entrance should be a no parking zone during school hours, especially the school side of the road. Because cars park and impede vision of kids and make it impossible for 2 way traffic to move functionally

This is my third year emailing regarding these concerns!

I have watched staff fall, vehicles hit the brakes. And have witnessed so many near misses!

Let's make a permanent change to keep our kids & staff safe!

Krista Stoneman.

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