



Croton-Harmon Union Free School District Resolution in Support of Traffic Calming Measures

WHEREAS the physical safety of students, faculty, and staff is of critical concern to the Croton-Harmon Union Free School District, and

WHEREAS many students and some school employees walk to and from school daily, and
WHEREAS walkable and bicycle-friendly school surroundings are desirable owing to the positive effect of outdoor activity both on student well-being and on their sense of responsibility, and

WHEREAS there have been several recent motor-vehicle / pedestrian and motor-vehicle / bicycle collisions in the school district, some of which have caused significant injury, others being very worrisome near-misses, and

WHEREAS the Croton-Harmon Union Free School District acknowledges prior and ongoing efforts by the Village of Croton-on-Hudson to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety; changes to the geometry of the intersection of Cleveland Place and Hughes Street have improved pedestrian safety at that location, and the recent reduction in Village speed limits is commendable step towards reducing the probability of a fatal collision, and

WHEREAS passive traffic calming measures such as (but not limited to) changes in intersection geometry, curb extensions, raised pedestrian crosswalks, textured pavement, and in-street pedestrian crosswalk signs are inexpensive (less than \$50,000 for curb extensions) and have been shown to be very effective at reducing speeds, improving motor-vehicle driver alertness, and protecting pedestrians and bicyclists at the locations where the majority of motor vehicle / pedestrian and motor-vehicle / bicycle collisions and near-misses occur, and

WHEREAS active traffic calming measures are expensive and often ineffective; for instance, a traditional alternating red / green traffic signal can cost upwards of \$250,000 to install, but such signals have been observed to have the unintended and undesirable effect of increasing motor-vehicle speeds through the intersection on green, with many drivers seeing a green signal making turns at unsafe speeds without looking for pedestrians in the crosswalk; and

WHEREAS enhanced enforcement of traffic regulations has not been shown to be effective in reducing the rate of motor vehicle / pedestrian or motor-vehicle / bicycle collisions, and

WHEREAS the Croton-Harmon Union Free School district has already undertaken measures to ensure that every student is educated concerning pedestrian and bicycle safety and safe street-side / street-crossing behavior, and

WHEREAS the Croton-on-Hudson Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee has proposed a comprehensive 5-year Protect / Improve / Expand plan to improve pedestrian and bicycle provisions within the village, and

WHEREAS changes to state highways such as NY Route 129 and NY Route 9a must be approved by the New York State Department of Transportation,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Croton-Harmon Union Free School district calls upon the Village of Croton-on-Hudson and the New York State Department of Transportation to deploy well-researched passive traffic-calming measures in the area surrounding the schools of the Croton-Harmon Union Free School District where students walk to and from school, and

RESOLVED that the Croton-Harmon Union Free School District calls for the traffic study commissioned by the Village of Croton-on-Hudson to be expanded, targeted, and accelerated so as to better inform the design of said traffic-calming measures, and

RESOLVED that the Croton-Harmon Union Free School District calls upon the New York State Department of Transportation to approve locally developed designs for traffic calming measures along NY state highways within the Croton-Harmon Free School District, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Croton-Harmon Union Free School District directs the District Clerk to transmit a copy of this resolution to:

- Brian Pugh, Mayor of Croton-on-Hudson, New York
- Janine King, Village Manager, Croton-on-Hudson, New York
- The Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York
- Paul A. Karas, Acting Commissioner, New York State Department of Transportation
- The Hon. Assemblywoman Sandra Galef
- The Hon. Senator Terrence Murphy
- NY Senator Elect Peter Harckham and

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be posted on the website of the Croton-Harmon Union Free School District and on other social media utilized by the District.

Adopted: December 6, 2018

Respectfully submitted by:

The Croton Harmon Board of Education: Iris Bugliosi, President; Andrea Furey, Vice President; Sarah Carrier, Joshua Diamond, Neal Haber, Elizabeth Lynam, and Brian Loges