

Dear Mr. Butler, Mr. Hicks, and Councillors-at-Large (Mr. Turner and Mr. Boudreau),

I am writing this email to you on behalf of the Maplehurst Middle School Parent School Support Committee (PSSC), as we are requesting your assistance.

Maplehurst Middle School recently celebrated its opening to students on Friday, January 10th, 2020.

Maplehurst students value excellence in wellness, and are encouraged to envision and realize their impact. As our Ward 3 Councillors and Councillors at Large, we are kindly requesting your assistance with the following two items to help our students walk safely to school to support their wellness value (i.e. physical activity), and to reduce their carbon footprint on the environment by walking to school:

1. Crosswalk and/or Sidewalk on Maplehurst Drive

Walking students access the school from Maplehurst Drive using the first street following the Northwest Walking Trail. This first access street is equipped with a sidewalk for the students. With the current configuration on Maplehurst Drive, students have two options to gain access to this street:

- a. Students approaching from the west can cross Maplehurst Drive at the crosswalk located at the Northwest Walking Trail, and walk on a resident's property to meet the sidewalk on the access street for the school. Students approaching from the actual walking trail must also walk on a resident's property to meet the sidewalk on the access street for the new school.
- b. Students approaching from the west can cross Maplehurst Drive without a crosswalk and meet the sidewalk at the access street for the new school.

In an effort to provide a safe walking experience for our children, we are requesting your assistance to either have a crosswalk installed across Maplehurst Drive at the entrance of the access street to the school, or to have a sidewalk installed from the Northwest Walking Trail to the access street to allow for the students to meet the sidewalk safely.

2. Sidewalk Snow Removal

To allow for our children to walk safely to school on sidewalks on the main streets to access the school, we would like to kindly request that Maplehurst Drive and Twin Oaks Drive be considered as Priority 1 streets for snow clearing. I understand that there has been a communication sent directly to you on this item, so wanted to thank you for your commitment to reassess this after the next snowfall to understand if further planning is required.

Both of the items in which we are requesting your assistance will ensure our children are able to walk safely to school, while supporting their values as Maplehurst Huskies. We would be happy to attend a city council meeting to share our thoughts and express our support and reasoning for this request if required.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your response.

Tracey Redmond
PSSC Chair, Maplehurst Middle School