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Ms. Christi Clark, Principal
Meany Middle School
301 – 21st Avenue E.
Seattle, WA 98112

Dear Ms. Clark,

At the December meeting of the Miller Park Neighborhood Association, we talked about traffic in the neighborhood. One item of concern was the impact of traffic generated by Meany Middle School on the immediate neighborhood.

We are aware that the City schools (unlike businesses of similar sizes) are not required to have transportation plans. We are, however, fortunate that Meany School is able to use the Miller Community Center parking lot on 20th Ave. E. for staff parking during school hours. I frequently pass through that lot on my way to work and note that it (and the adjacent block of 20th Ave. E.) are well utilized for staff parking, for which we thank you all.

However, I also note that there are typically about 10 spaces available in the parking lot at 8:30 AM. I would be grateful if you could encourage those of your staff who are not using that lot to please park there.

As you may be aware, those of your staff who park on the blocks of 20th. Ave E. and E. Thomas Street adjacent to the school can make life difficult for the residents of those blocks: their houses are built high above the street, with no opportunity for off-street parking. Streets full of school-related cars can make life particularly onerous for them: they get enough exercise trekking up all those stairs without also having to walk several blocks from their cars!

I would be particularly grateful if you could do everything in your power to encourage your staff to park in the 20th Ave E. parking lot, rather than on 21st Ave E. and E. Thomas Street.

You are also surely aware that the the blocks of 21st Ave. E. adjacent to the school and playfield are both one-way streets, heading south. We have had recurrent problems with people driving the wrong way on those blocks, including (I was told by a neighbor out walking his dog) teachers from Meany. Such actions could obviously be hazardous, particularly to kids hurrying to school. **I would be grateful if you could remind all your staff of the one-way traffic flow on 21st Ave. E.**

We also spent much time at our meeting discussing the hazards presented to us all by the dangerous intersection at **19th and Republican**. Both neighbors and school buses (and, I suspect, parents and teachers) use this intersection, which has poor visibility and leads directly into the fast traffic along 19th Ave. E.

A SeaTrans representative was at our meeting: she will reporting to us on possible solutions to this thorny problem. I'll keep you informed on our progress: I'm sure you're as eager as we are to find a way to make our travel in the neighborhood as safe as possible.