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FW: Countryside School Speed Zone

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Bob and chief:

Please see attached. I am going to draft a letter to all our residents with a copy to I-DOT and District 220 indicating the decision and our continued concern on this issue. I want to make sure our residents are aware of this change and that we will be less able to control speeds in this area as we had previously been able.

I will also be bringing this up to BACOG for possible legislation changes in this Spring session.

Best Regards,
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Bob & Bob,

Please see the attached.

Minds are already made up and the decision will be hard to overturn.

We are the sole remaining unwarranted school speed zone along a state maintained highway in District 1.

Sorry I don't have better news.

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 **IDOT Meeting Memo 01-27-11.pdf**
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Summary Report

To: Bob Abboud
Bob Kosin

From: Robert B. Hamilton, P.E.

Date: 01-27-11

Re: **Countryside School – School Speed Zone
IDOT Follow-up Meeting**

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This morning, I was at IDOT-Traffic for another project, and, at the end of it, was corralled by Jim Stoner (IDOT Signs) and Steve Travia (Traffic Bureau Chief). They wanted to know what the Village was intending, now that they had identified the unwarranted situation.

We discussed various possibilities and I told them I had suggested that Barrington Hills contact Northfield to call off the heat.

As it turned out, they intend to eliminate the school speed zone, regardless of Northfield's actions, simply because this is now the only unwarranted school speed zone left in District 1.

The jurisdiction is IDOT's. The signs are also theirs, with the exception of the ones with the flashing lights on them, which are the Village's

I also told them I recommended against the idea of painting a crosswalk, simply because it may attract a student pedestrian and give him a false sense of security. This would be the "attractive nuisance" issue.

IDOT's Plan

- Remove the 20MPH School Speed zone signs.
- The V/BH can retain the amber flashing beacons and the Pentagon "school ahead" signs below them, both eastbound and westbound.
- The V/BH can change out incandescent amber bulbs for LED amber lights, which are brighter and more likely to actually alert a motorist.
- IDOT erect "School Bus Entrance" signs just upstream of the driveway to further highlight the presence of the school.
- The "School Speed Zone, 20 MPH when flashing" signs must be removed and IDOT will perform that work. .

Call with questions – no discussion on timing, but sooner is more likely than later.

Please alert SD 220.

cc: Dan Strahan