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Local: Barrington Hills

July 20, 2011

Mr. Robert G. Abboud
Village President
Village of Barrington Hills
112 Algonquin Road
Barrington Hills, IL 60010

Dear Mr. Abboud:

We have received your letter of June 27, 2011 concerning the need to retain the existing School Speed Limit 20 zone on Lake-Cook Road near the Countryside School in the Village of Barrington Hills.

Based on the information you have provided to this Department, we have determined that the current sign configuration will remain in place.

Thank you for the correspondence. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me or Mr. Steve Travia, Bureau Chief of Traffic Operations, at (847) 705-4141.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. O'Keefe'.

Diane M. O'Keefe, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways
Region One Engineer

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Schools

Countryside Elementary School Zone to Stay

The stretch of Lake Cook Road running in front of the school will remain a school speed zone, according to IDOT officials.

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After several months of discussions, it appears the speed zone in front of Countryside Elementary School will remain in place.

In mid-December, the Illinois Board of Transportation informed Barrington School District 220 it intended to remove the flashing light and 20 mph speed signs on Lake Cook Road. Deputy Director Diane O'Keefe said IDOT's policy is to have speed zones only in places where children walk to school.

In a June 22 letter, Barrington Hills President Bob Abboud said that while every student that goes to Countryside is offered a bus, not all of them use it.

"The fact is that District 220's policies have no authority off school grounds and off hours," Abboud said in the letter. "As a former Countryside student who rode his bike to and from school, I can assure you this activity goes on today."

Abboud said in a phone interview that IDOT offered to create a crosswalk for students who might walk or bike to the school. He said, however, it would have been hazardous because of the shoulders and recommended just leaving the speed zones.

Cory Jucius, IDOT arterial traffic field engineer, said once they were given documentation that students might be walking along the road, the decision was made to leave the posted speed zones.

Jucius said IDOT regularly visits state routes and visits sites with reduced speed limits.

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