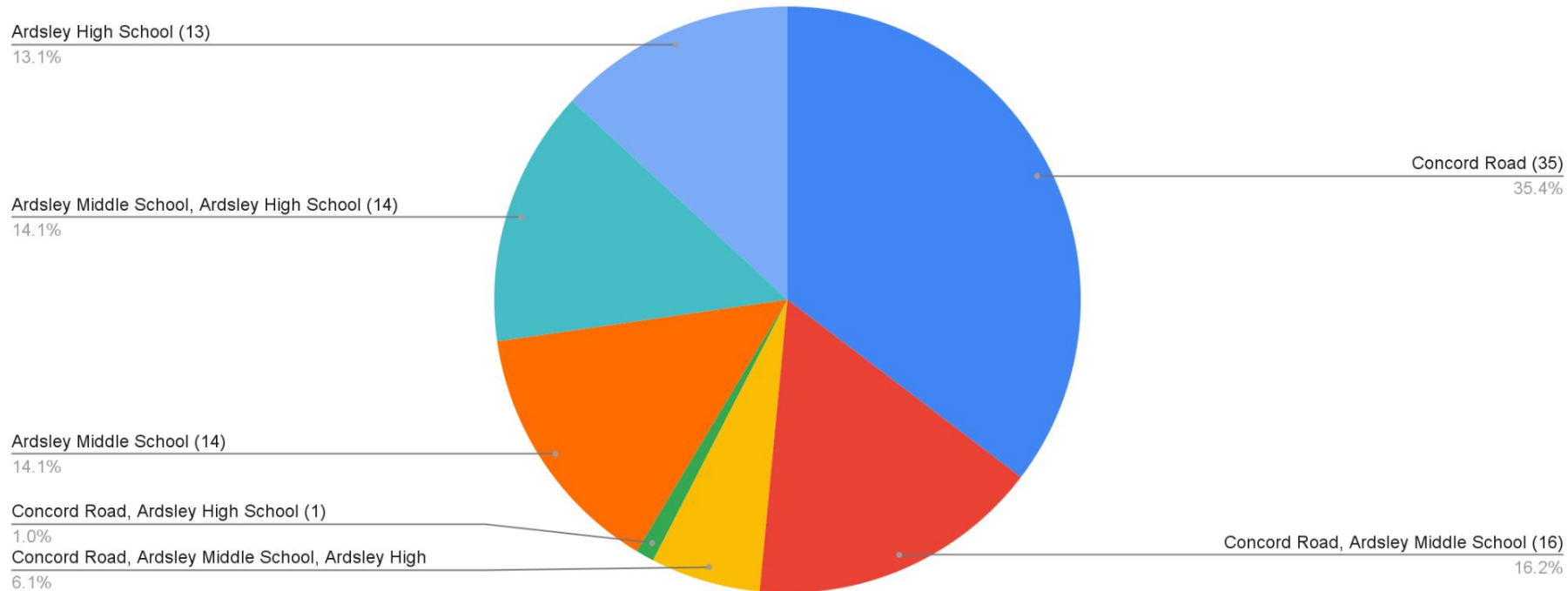


Ardsley School Zone Traffic Safety

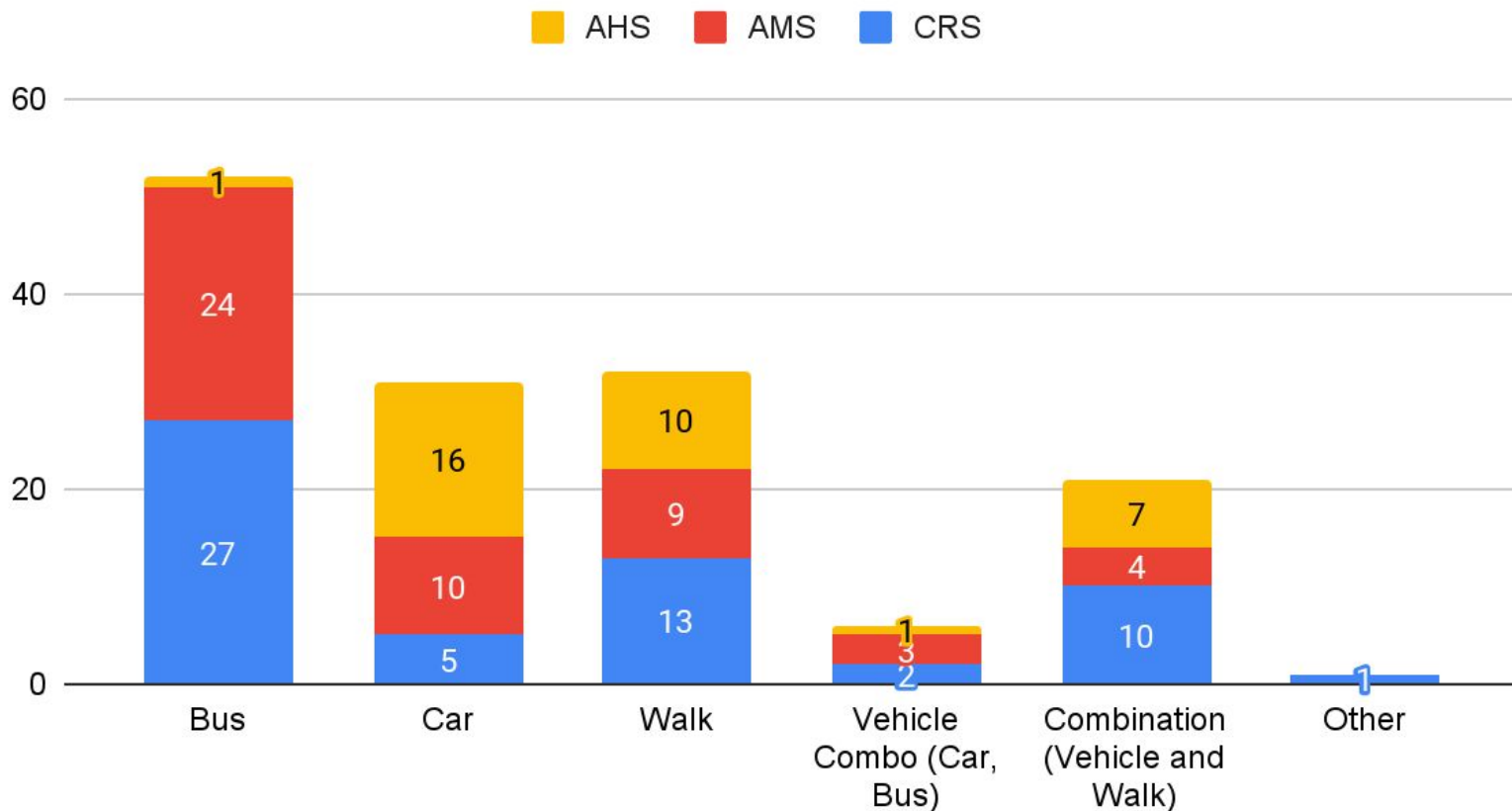


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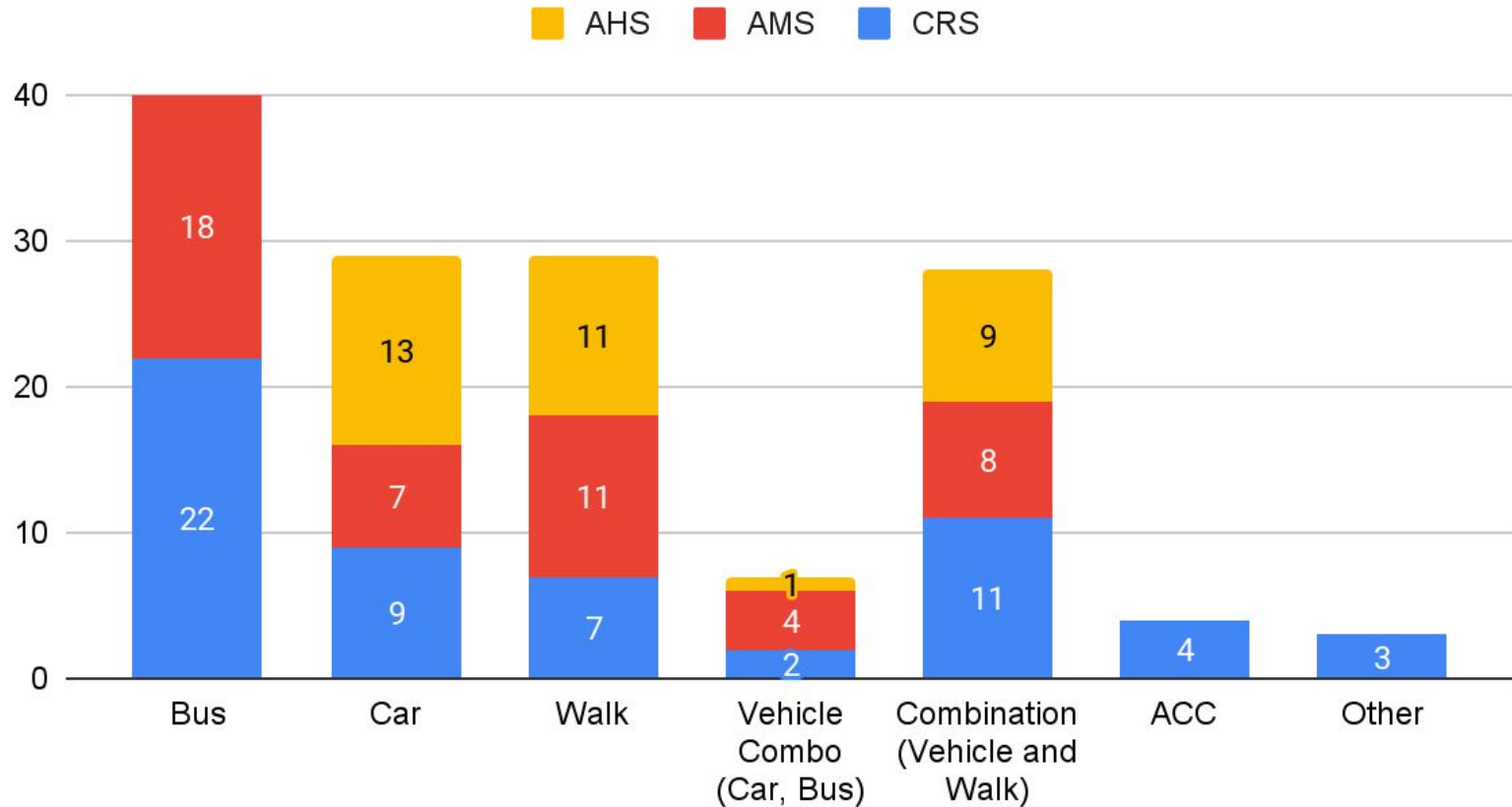
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How Does Your Child Travel to School?

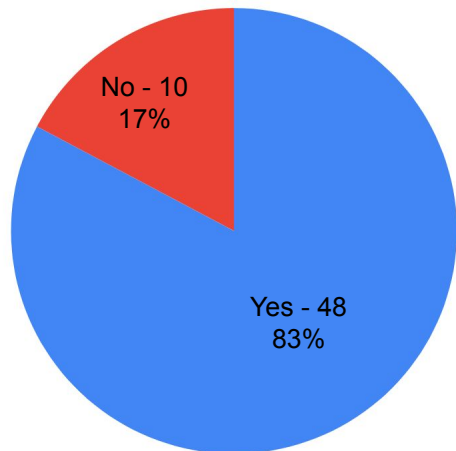


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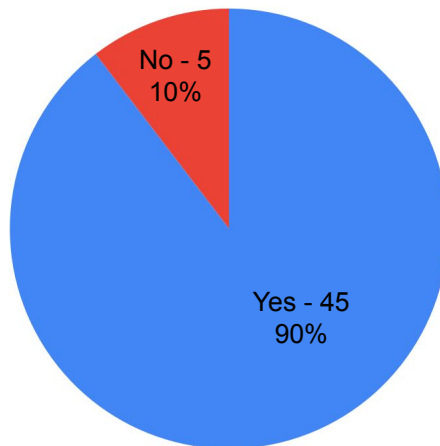


Do you have concerns about your child's safety while traveling to or from school?

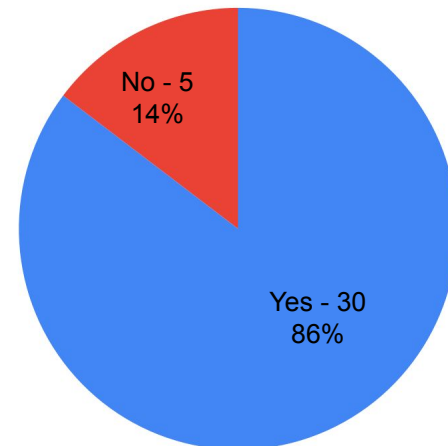
CRS



AMS



AHS



Across the district, **84.8% of parents** expressed a concern about the safety of their child(ren) while traveling to or from school

What are your primary concerns?

Vehicles
Blocking
Crosswalks
(18)

Drivers not
stopping at
stop signs
(61)

Lack of
Crossing
Guards
(38)

Speeding
Cars/Buses
(77)

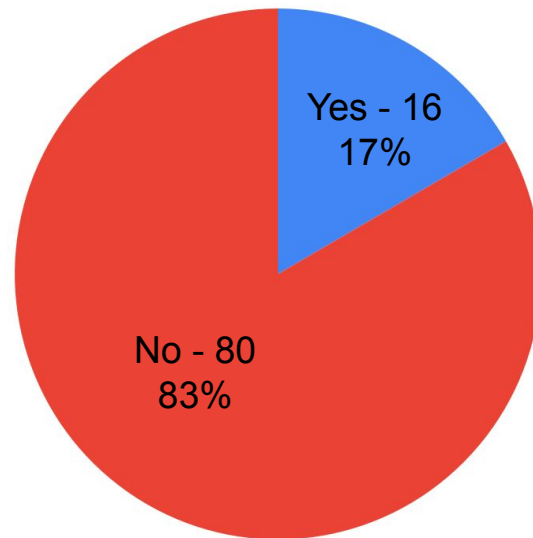
Children crossing
the street without
using a crossing
guard or
crosswalk
(33)

Distracted
Drivers
(61)

Has your child been harmed or at serious risk of being harmed while traveling to or from school?

For those who answered yes,
the recurring themes were:

- Danger at **crosswalks**
 - Several near misses
- **Speeding** cars



Suggestions to Improve the Situation?

**Issue More
Speeding
Tickets**

**Speed Bumps /
Speed Dips**

**Crossing
Guards**

**Install
Speed
Cameras**

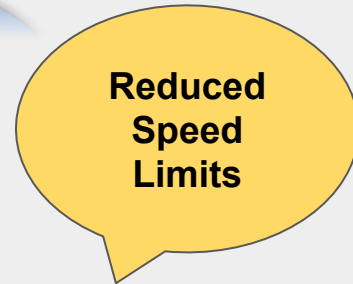
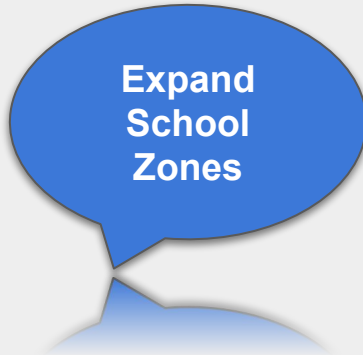
**Increased
Police
Presence**

**Increased
Flashing
Lights**

**People
Directing
Traffic**

**Expand
School
Zones**

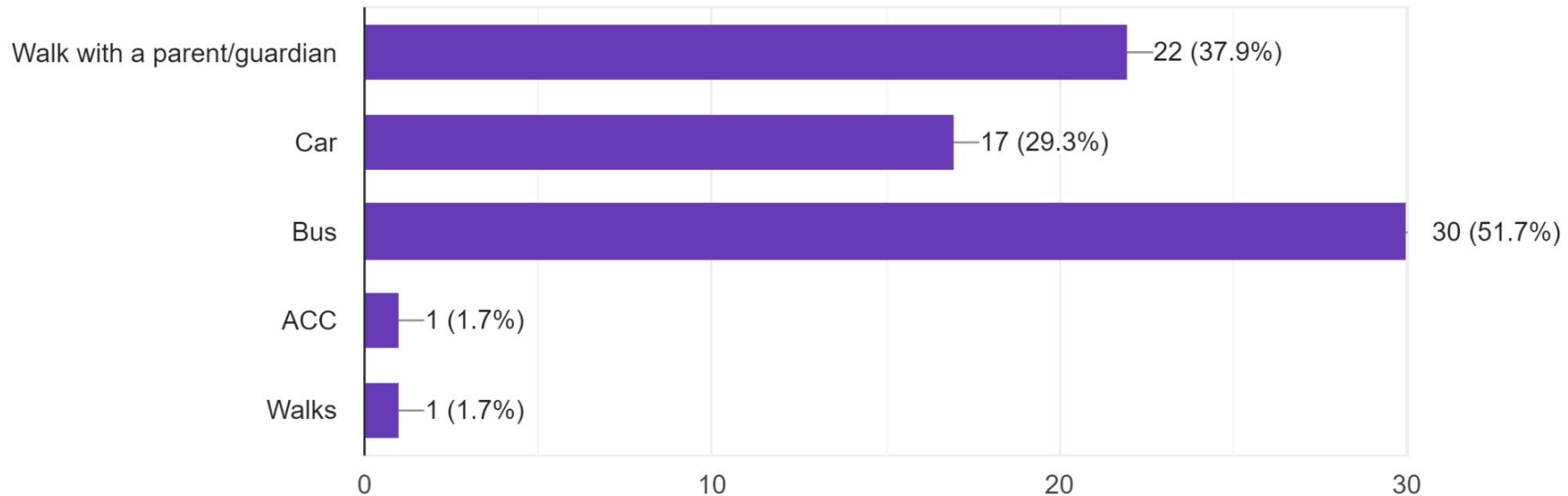
**Reduced
Speed
Limits**



Supplemental Data

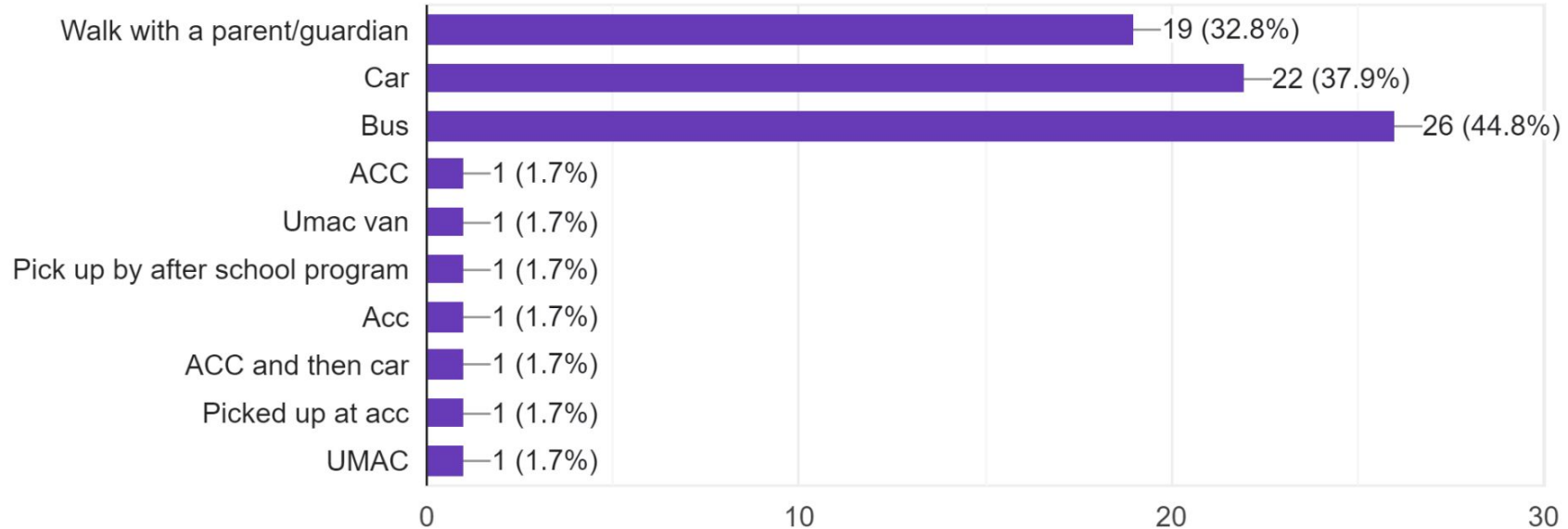
CRS: How does your child travel to school? Please choose all that apply.

58 responses



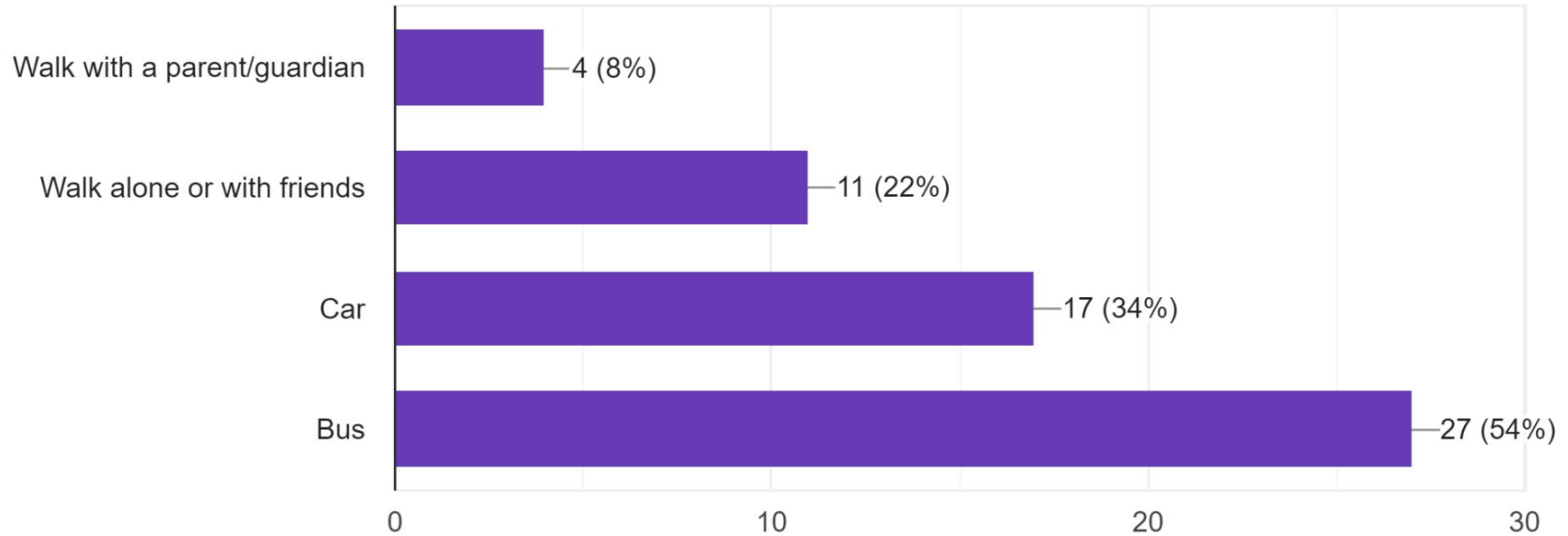
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58 responses



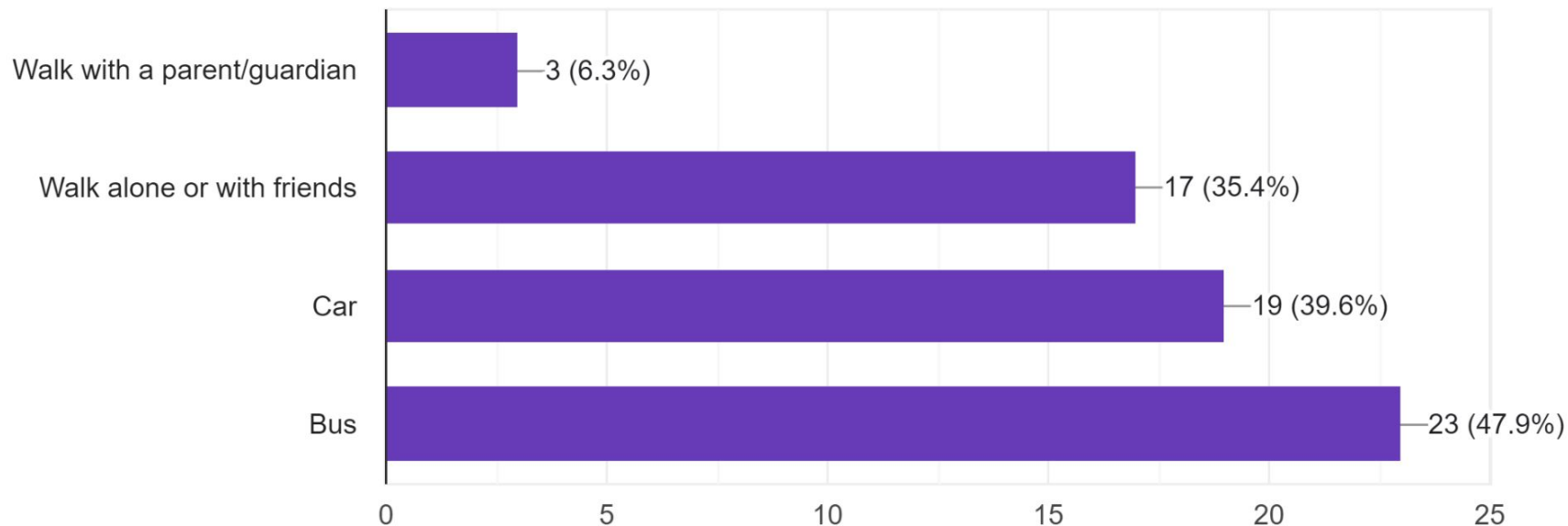
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50 responses



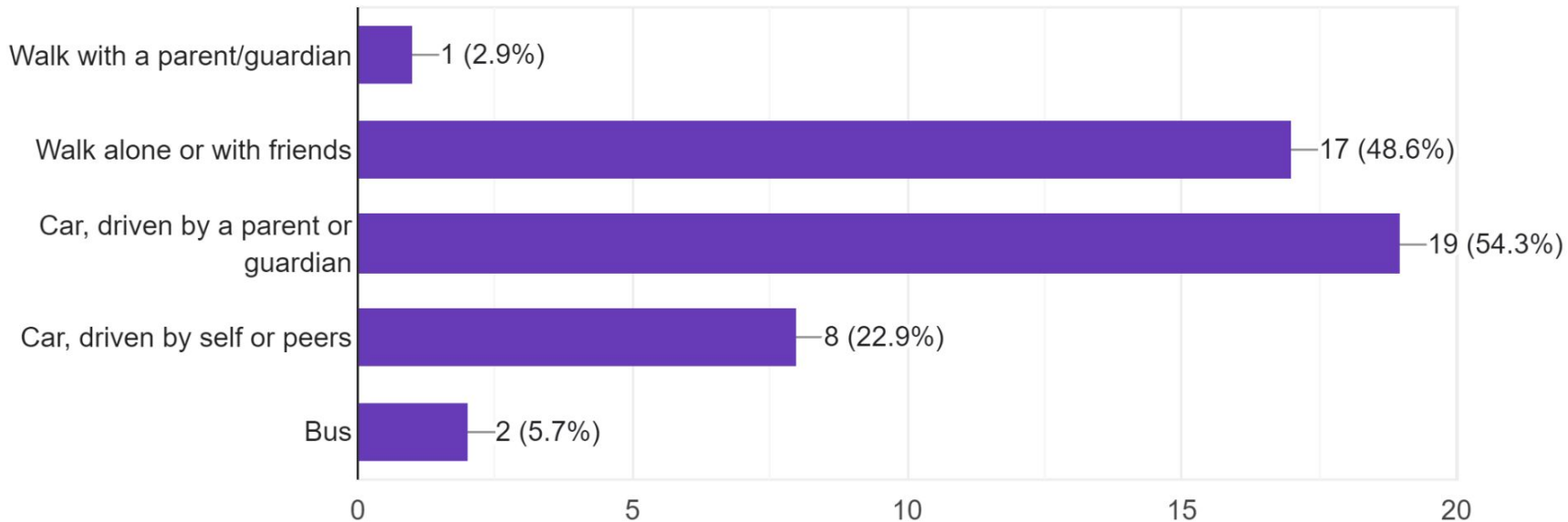
AMS: How does your child travel from school? Please choose all that apply.

48 responses



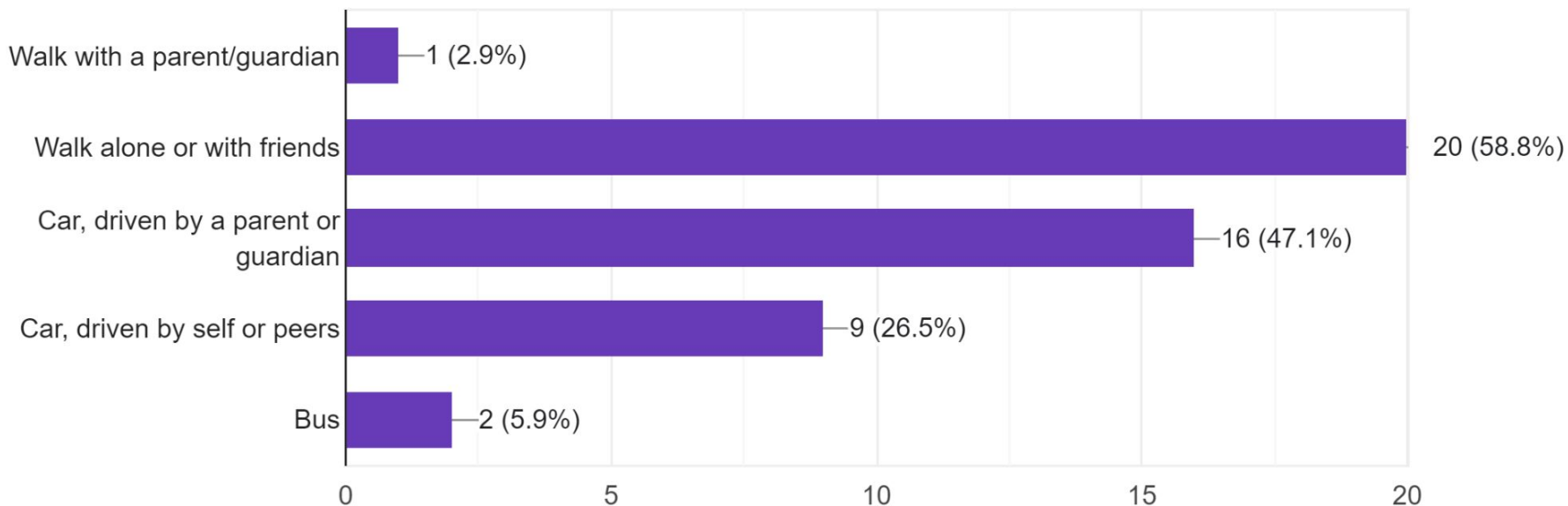
AHS: How does your child travel to school? Please choose all that apply.

35 responses



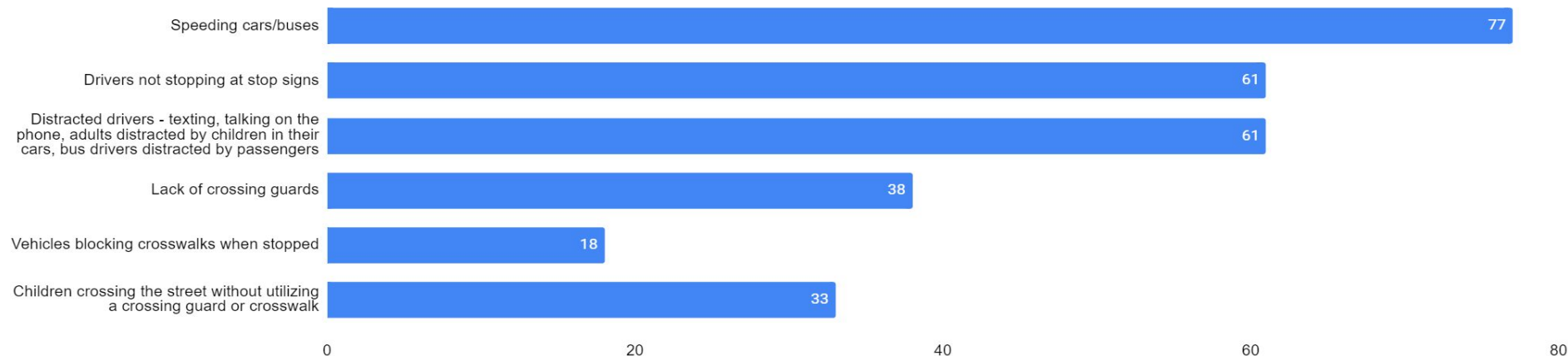
AHS: How does your child travel from school? Please choose all that apply.

34 responses



What are your specific concerns about your child's safety while traveling to or from school?

87 responses



Additional Responses:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children watching their phone & cars speeding & not paying attention• Cars parked illegally in fire lane at CRS• The Ardsley area has a lot of traffic there needs to be a crossing guard. They walk to Carvel and CVS and cars are flying. It's hard for an adult to cross safely let alone an children• Kids are not using seatbelts on the buses. There are not enough seats on the bus, so my daughter actually pretended to sit one day since she asked people to move over and they ignored her.• General level of unconscious drivers | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concord rd is a residential street that has now become total chaos because it's become an alternative parking lot. Parents and kids walk through private yards and block street access for neighbors• School bus stop is not well thought out . We are placed in a busy cross walk and our neighbors have asked if the bus stop can be on their side so we can wait on their lawn• Bus drivers are very distracted, kids running wild on buses, younger kids not always seated up front• Lack of sidewalk on side streets• No light or stop sign at the crosswalk on Ashford and larchmont |
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If your child has been harmed or was at serious risk of being harmed while traveling to or from school, describe the situation:

- A child my son was walking with got hit by a car leaving the middle school. It was very traumatic for my son and of course the child hit. The child got hit and fell on his back. Not seriously injured but could have been. When I emailed the principal about it. He had a very cavalier response.
- Almost hit by car walking to CRS, crossing at Heatherdell and Beacon Hill Rd
- Cars go so fast on Markwood and Cross and don't always stop at stop signs or look at Abington and Mountain View.
- Cars speeding up to us while we are walking in the crosswalk nearly hitting my children and me
- Children almost hit in school zone crosswalk by cars; cars not stopping in crosswalk; cars speeding through school zones
- Drivers not stopping while crossing intersections
- Folks not stopping at stop or yield signs at the AHS
- My children cross at the crosswalks in/ out of Frances McCormick Drive. There have been too many occasions where parents rushing for pickup/ drop off do not stop and allow them to cross. They have had many close calls, especially in the mornings at the crosswalk which cars are turning into Frances McCormick Drive. The custodians helping them cross in the afternoons make a huge difference. I wish they were there in the morning too.
- My son was hit by a car in the crosswalk
- No supervisor on the bus
- Several times on our street drivers race
- I would love to see speed bumps or tire traction anything to slow down people
- Speeding cars - both parents and high schoolers
- Speeding vehicle from the opposite direction too close while crossing at the crosswalk
- Trying to cross crosswalk, cars simply not stopping

Do you have any suggestions to address your traffic safety concerns? Page 1

- A major problem at CRS, especially at dismissal, is the number of cars illegally parked in the fire lane by the yellow playground. This blocks traffic, and creates a very unsafe situation. Many teams practice on that field and it would be impossible to get an emergency vehicle in and out of that area if they were ever needed at that field. The cars parked illegally in the fire lane are creating a very unsafe situation, and parents blatantly violate the rules because it is clearly posted as a fire zone. The MS and HS do not allow such blatant violations of parking rules, and CRS should not either, especially when it put children in danger if there was ever an emergency.
- AMS: install speed bumps, reduce speed limit, add stop signs, install flashing crosswalk sign
- At the minimum a crossing guard in town on Friday as a bunch of middle school kids walk into town. It's very dangerous intersection. Now a new coffee shop is going to be open so need support crossing to Carvel and coffee shop. And Wednesday is another popular time.
- Bus monitoring
- Cars need to lower speed and stop on STOP SIGN
- Crossing guards at all crosswalks in the vicinity of CRS. Especially around the blind corner at Heatherdale and Chimney Pot Lane. There should also be police presence during morning drop off and afternoon pick up like there is at many Catholic schools. Put up more traffic safety signs and possibly make all crosswalks near the school more visible (raised and more flashing lights).
- Crossing guards at Frances McCormick Drive, speed indicator signs, making Ashford Ave a school zone by Pascone Park
- Crossing guards would be nice or even setting up a rotating list of parents who volunteer as crossing guards
- Crossing guards, police presence, increased lights, speed bumps
- Crs- Speed bumps on heatherdell road, speed meter on Heatherdell road, extra crossing guards/ traffic directing. There is usually a wonderful traffic director by heatherdell and concord road after dismissal, but not in the morning. It would be super helpful for cars and walkers alike to have this help in the mornings as well.
- CRS: 1) not enough parking available; 2) one of the traffic guard (the younger one with green vest who stands at exit of main entrance) is extremely rude, passive aggressive, and intentionally does not allow some moms to find parking inside and favors others; 3) buses stop in the middle of nowhere at entrance at dismissal time severely disrupting incoming traffic. It's a hazard.

Do you have any suggestions to address your traffic safety concerns? Page 2

- Expand pathways in and out of concord road. Encourage more walkers. Put a stop sign at the dangerous heatherell intersection
- expand the school zone on Heatherdell for both CRS and AHS. Victoria Rd is too late to alert drivers. Also the lights should flash until 6pm, when ACC closes.
- Explore use of traffic cameras that issue speeding tickets to drivers along ashford and heatherdell like they have in NYC. Traffic calming measures such as speed humps, speed signs that reflect drivers speed. More crossing guards, maybe community volunteers to monitor at specific intersections in neighborhoods (I.e, along Abington); active use of issuing tickets for violations (texting and speeding) by APD particularly during arrival and dismissal windows.
- I think that bus drivers are distracted because they do not have any help on the buses. They cannot be expected to drive on our roads while also dealing with kids on the bus. Monitors would help these issues.
- I will start with the High School. Farm road needs brighter lights and a better sidewalk for kids walking to high school. The crosswalk as soon as you take a right turn from high school is very unexpected and difficult to stop suddenly. The position of that crosswalk needs to be rethought. I think every crosswalk needs blinking lights that allows drivers to know that there is someone at the crosswalk.
- We need more police presence around town during school dismissal and arrival times to ticket drivers who are speeding and breaking other traffic rules. Police needs to be more proactive in stopping people breaking traffic rules. We need to find ways to hire more crossing guards.
- In other neighborhoods such as Scarsdale, everyone who travels through that town knows that if you violate traffic laws or speed even slightly over the designated limit, especially in a school zone, you will be ticketed. Because the town has that reputation, drivers are meticulous and vigilant about observing traffic laws. In contrast, it appears that drivers traveling through Ardsley do not anticipate being stopped or monitored by the police and therefore regularly violate traffic laws including speed limits, stop signs and crosswalks. It is imperative that the police regularly patrol high risk areas, maintain frequent visibility around the village, and ticket drivers frequently for violating traffic laws, especially nearby schools in order to establish a reputation that violators will not be tolerated. Until this happens nothing will change. In a village with extremely low crime rates, the police priority should be on maintaining pedestrian and vehicle safety in our village.

Do you have any suggestions to address your traffic safety concerns? Page 3

- Either a stop sign for cars both ways or a blinking cross walk sign
- I'd love for High school to switch site with Middle school but that's unrealistic so something that slows motorists. Parents are worst then kids
- I drive my child because I am concerned for his safety if he were to ride a bike or scooter. I think he is safe in a car or on the bus
- Its absolutely crazy how cars speed around the school during drop off (especially) and pickup times. We walk our kids to Concord and we are constantly afraid of kids and us being hit by cars when crossing Heatherdell (next to Chimney Pot Lane) . There should be more and bigger signs, (fluorescent yellow on both sides of the road, like in Pleasantville) and a speed bump before the crossing . We also feel unsafe when crossing Alexander Hamilton when entering school grounds. I wish there were cameras , cross guards and overall more security. As well as consequences for drivers that dont stop or drive unsafely. They should get a ticket. Drivers here feel they can whatever they want because they get away with it. We cannot wait until there is a casualty to do something about it. Its the life of our kids. Please act now.
- More crossing guards and speed bumps/dips
- More crossing guards during school hours
- More crosswalk guard during the school opening/closing hours
- More Flashing pedestrian crossing signs and more cops ticketing
- More sidewalks
- Need flashing lights or stop sign at larchmont and Ashford so people can cross to the sidewalk.
- Need more crossing guards, cameras and signs to advise school is in progress.
- parents need to be mindful, give way to kids, stay on their side of the road and pay attention to signs. I have witnessed parents pushing pass fire and police when ask to stay back.
- Parents were dropping off their children are stopping in the passing lane and blocking traffic. Then children cross between vehicles and it becomes a dangerous situation. Parents need to learn they have to drop off at the curb not in the middle of the passing lane. They are causing a risk to not only their child but the other children crossing from the parking lot

Do you have any suggestions to address your traffic safety concerns? Page 4

- People going right through stop signs within highschool campus
- Perhaps more signs and cross guards will help slow traffic down on ashford / or call attention to the fact that it is as school zone and cars MUST slow down or be at a certain speed limit. I have seen this in other areas where it is much more visible that you are in a school zone - with bright lights, bright cross walks, signs indicating it is a school zone.
- Police officers directing traffic
- Police presence in the mornings
- Speed bumps
- Speed bumps or posted signs with flashing lights indicating school zone speed limit and double fines
- speed camera, ticketing for not stopping at crossroads, speeding tickets
- Stop sign on Lakeview ave at Judson intersection; drivers constantly speed uphill on Lakeview and there's little visibility given the steep incline, kids cross this intersection as this is a bus stop for all 3 schools and there have been close calls with speeding drivers not seeing children cross at the intersection; also there have been serious motor vehicle accidents here
- Stop signs, flashing lights signs & speed bumps along heatherdell
- Suggest you foil for traffic violation data from police and evaluate enforcement
- The middle school needs several more crossing guards nearby
- There needs to be a someone guiding traffic at AHS. The day of the fire drill when staff was out was so smooth. There is not a single adult monitoring drop off. It has become three lanes in front of the school- including busses! People speed around and people drop off in the second and third lanes! Some needs to be helping guide cars out of Farm Rd. People speed out and it's very dangerous. And oh- what happened to the consultant and the plan from last fall?
- There needs to be more police presence during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up at all three schools. The thought of points on your license and a ticket to pay seems to work better than any bump or crossing guard for adults as well as teens. It is truly unbelievable how many cars drive around stopped buses. Buses should have cameras on the outside of their buses as well as inside.

Do you have any suggestions to address your traffic safety concerns? Page 5

- There should be a crossing guard on every crosswalk within 1/2 a mile of the school. If you are not provided with bus service your child should be safe to walk to and from without fear of getting hit by a car. There are no stoplights on heatherdell it is like a highway and impossible and not safe for CRS or AHS students to cross over.
- This is not about my particular concerns but I honestly don't think people know it's a rule to stop at a crosswalk if pedestrians are waiting to cross. All the time I am out for a run and if I have to cross,say ashford at a crosswalk but not at a light, cars do not stop. A little education might go a long way here.
- Traffic camera
- We live at Hilltop Rd, opposite Farm Rd which goes to AHS. There are often cars coming very fast going west and it can be dangerous to cross Heatherdell at this location.
- We need additional buses-perhaps a short bus-to pick up the overflow of some routes like bus 5's route. Speak to kids about moving over so others can fit.
- We need crossing guards
- Crossing guard on ashford and Larchmont. Police stationed and giving out tickets at the stop signs on Larchmont/prospect and Larchmont/Lincoln. It's like a speedway, hardly any cars come to a complete stop.