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Due to fiscal budget cuts imposed upon the Attleboro Police Department, eight (8) Crossing Guards have been laid off for the 2016-2017 school year. As a result of these layoffs, eight (8) crossing locations for school children will no longer be staffed by crossing guards.

The following locations will no longer be staffed by a crossing guard:


1. Newport Ave. at Roy Ave.
2. South Main St. at Locust St.
3. Oakhill Ave. at Hyman Fine School
4. Elizabeth St. at Water St.
5. James St. at Brownell St.
6. Hodges St. at Watson Ave.
7. Handy St. at Hyman Fine School
8. Locust St. at Hickory Rd.

I encouraged parents and guardians to establish a safety plan for their children who walk to school. I urged you to talk to your child about the dangers of distracted drivers, such as people who illegally text while driving. It is important that our children understand that distracted drivers may not see them trying to cross the street. In addition, children walk to and from school during the busiest travel times of the day which certainly increases risk of danger.

The following safety tips should be considered:

- Use crosswalks whenever available.
- Don't rush into traffic at un-signalized crossings; anticipate when there is ample time to cross.
- Do not assume the driver of a vehicle can see you. Wait until the car stops fully before you cross the street.
- Stop at the curb or edge of the road, look left, then right, and then left again (left right-left) before you step into the street.
- If a car is parked where you are crossing, make sure there is no driver in the car. Then go to the edge of the car and look left right-left until no cars are coming. Keep looking for cars while you are crossing.
- Walk, don't run. This gives time for drivers to see you before you enter the roadway.
- Avoid walking or biking in low-visibility weather, such as rain or snow.
- Travel in groups with other school children or with parents.

Sincerely,


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