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Dear Mr. Tim Dunford,

I hope this letter finds you well. As the Board Chair of the Saanich School District, your leadership plays a pivotal role in shaping the educational experience of our students. Today, I write to you with a pressing concern that affects the safety, environment, and well-being of our young learners at Cordova Bay Elementary.

- 1. Safety Concerns: During pickup times, the area around Cordova Bay Elementary becomes a chaotic scene. Parents' vehicles line up, creating a maze of cars and congestion. With so many vehicles maneuvering in close proximity, there is a genuine risk of accidents. Our children's safety should be our utmost priority, and the current situation poses an unnecessary hazard.
- 2. **Environmental Impact**: The environmental repercussions of individual car travel are undeniable. Each parent driving their child to school contributes to increased emissions, exacerbating our carbon footprint. As stewards of our planet, we must take proactive steps to reduce our impact on the environment.
- 3. **Parental Burden**: Many parents find themselves torn between work commitments and the responsibility of picking up their children from school. The strain of leaving work early or rearranging schedules places an undue burden on families. By establishing two-way student transportation, we can alleviate this stress and allow parents to focus on their professional responsibilities.

Proposed Solution: I urge you to champion the establishment of two-way transportation for Cordova Bay Elementary students. By extending bus services from home to school <u>and</u> school to home, we can address the aforementioned challenges effectively. Here are the potential benefits:

Enhanced Safety: A dedicated bus service for pickups will reduce traffic congestion around the school premises, minimizing the risk of accidents.

Environmental Responsibility: Fewer individual cars on the road mean reduced emissions. Our commitment to sustainability starts with small yet impactful changes like this.

Parental Relief: Families can breathe easier knowing that their children have a reliable transportation option both ways. This change will foster a stronger sense of community and shared responsibility.

I kindly request that you take this matter to the board and advocate for the necessary adjustments. Let us prioritize the safety, well-being, and environmental consciousness of our students. Together, we can create a positive change that

benefits our entire community.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. I look forward to hearing about progress in this regard.

Sincerely, Zlatan Fazlagic 306 535 5666