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SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMITS

Liberty Middle School,
Mt. Pleasant Elementary School
Route NJ 10 (Mt. Pleasant Avenue)
Township of West Orange
County of Essex

October 22, 2018

Karen J. Carnevale, Municipal Clerk
66 Main Street, Room 101
West Orange, New Jersey 07052

Dear Ms.Carnevale:

This is in reference to a letter dated September 6, 2018 from Mr. Leonard R. Lepore, Director/Municipal Engineer, for the Township of West Orange, requesting an investigation for the establishment of a 25 MPH "School Zone Speed Limit" along Route NJ 10 (Mt. Pleasant Avenue) between Nance Road and 130 feet east of Ellison Avenue, for the Liberty Middle School and Mt. Pleasant Elementary School. Also included with the request were two (2) School Zone Data Forms, prepared by Mr. John Calavano, Business Administrator for the Township of West Orange, dated August 8, 16, 2018.

Staff from the Bureau of Traffic Engineering (BTE) has conducted an investigation. Based on this investigation our findings support your request for a 25 MPH School Zone speed limit along Route NJ 10 (Mt. Pleasant Avenue) for the Liberty Middle School zone, located between Nance Road and Kelly Drive/Macklin Avenue.

However, the request for a 25 MPH School Zone speed limit along Route NJ 10 (Mt. Pleasant Avenue) for the Mt. Pleasant Elementary School cannot be recommended for the following reasons:

1. A School zone means that portion of a highway which is either contiguous to territory occupied by a school building or is where school crossings are established in the vicinity of a school, upon which are maintained appropriate school signs.
2. The Mt. Pleasant School is located on Manager Street and is not contiguous to Route NJ 10 (Mt. Pleasant Avenue).
3. The submitted School Zone Data Form indicates the designated School Crossing is located at the intersection of Manager Road and Ellison Road, and that there are no designated School Crossing(s) along Route NJ 10 (Mt. Pleasant Avenue) for the Mt. Pleasant Elementary School.

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In order to legally establish the 25 MPH School Zone speed limit, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is required to promulgate a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). An initial step in the TRO process is to receive a **Resolution** of Support from the municipal governing body pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-8-4(c). It is therefore requested that the Township of West Orange submit a certified adopted **Resolution** of support containing the raised seal of the Township of West Orange to this office to read substantially as follows:

Speed Limits

Along Route NJ 10 (Mt. Pleasant Avenue):

In the Township of West Orange:

For both directions of traffic:

40 MPH between the Livingston Township-West Orange Township corporate line and Kelly Drive/Merklin Avenue, except for 25 MPH when passing through the Liberty Middle School zone (mileposts 21.67 to 21.87) during recess or while children are going to or leaving school, during opening or closing hours; thence

Once this office is in receipt of the certified adopted **Resolution** of support from the Township of West Orange, a Traffic Regulation Order will be promulgated. Signing will then be installed by New Jersey Department of Transportation to reflect the 25 MPH School Zone speed limit.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Traffic Investigator Stephen Branco at (609) 530-2154. Please enclose a copy of this letter with any further correspondence concerning this matter in order to expedite the process.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Hiestand
Supervisor, Traffic Investigations
Bureau of Traffic Engineering

C: **Leonard R. Lepore**, Director/Municipal Engineer, Township of West Orange
James P. Abbott, Chief of Police, West Orange Township Police Department



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Director/Municipal Engineer

September 6, 2018

Jaime Oplinger, Executive Manager
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RE: SCHOOL SPEED ZONE
STATE HIGHWAY 10
MT. PLEASANT AVENUE
WEST ORANGE, ESSEX COUNTY

Dear Ms. Oplinger:

On behalf of the Township of West Orange, I request the New Jersey Department of Transportation designate a portion of State Highway No. 10, in the vicinity of the Liberty Middle School and Mt. Pleasant Elementary School a School Speed Zone. I also request the speed limit through this zone be 25 miles per hour when children are present. Attached please find a map of State Highway 10 in the vicinity of these two schools. I further request the School Speed Zone extend from the municipal boundary with Livingston at Nance Road to approximately 130 feet east of the centerline of Ellison Avenue. This is a distance of approximately 2,000 feet. The intersection of State Highway No. 10 with Kelly Drive/Merklin Avenue is a signalized intersection with a school crossing guard when students arrive and leave school. Finally the School Zone Data Form for each school is enclosed.

As of today schools in West Orange are in session. However over the next two weeks they will be closed for a couple of days for religious observances.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by telephone or e-mail, Llepore@westorange.org. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

Leonard R. Lepore

Leonard R. Lepore, Municipal Engineer
Director of Public Works

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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SCHOOL ZONE DATA FORM

DATE: August 8, 2018

NAME OF SCHOOL: Liberty Middle School

MUNICIPALITY: West Orange COUNTY: Essex County

SCHOOL LOCATED ON ROUTE OR STREET NAME: 1 Kelly Drive

APPROXIMATE MILE POST: approx. 22 (OR) NEAREST INTERSECTION: Kelly Drive & Mt. Pleasant

TYPE OF SCHOOL: ELEMENTARY: _____ JR HIGH: X HIGH: _____ COLLEGE: _____

HOURS SCHOOL IS IN SESSION: 8:00 AM TO _____ AM / 4:00 PM TO _____ PM

CAN CHILDREN BE SEEN FROM THE ROADWAY DURING RECESS: YES _____ NO X

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 527 NUMBER OF BUSES: 15 NUMBER OF WALKING: 30 -35 students

CROSSING GUARDS PROVIDED: YES X NO _____ DESIGNATED SCHOOL CROSSING(S): YES _____ NO X

LOCATION(S): _____

PAINTED CROSSWALK(S) YES X NO _____ LOCATION(S) At stoplight on Route 10/Mt. Pleasant

ADDITIONAL

Designate Route 10 (within proximity to Liberty Middle School, Garden Academy and Mt. Pleasant Elementary School) as a School Zone through electronic signage supplemented with striping to ensure the safety of all pedestrians and students who cross this State road.

SUBMITTED BY: Robert J. Klemt
(Print Name)

Principal
(Print Title)

Robert J. Klemt
(Signature)

John Calavano

PLEASE RETURN TO:

Jaime Oplinger, Executive Manager
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JOHN CALAVANO
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR



NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SCHOOL ZONE DATA FORM

DATE: August 16,, 2018

NAME OF SCHOOL: Mt. Pleasant School

MUNICIPALITY: West Orange

COUNTY: Essex

SCHOOL LOCATED ON ROUTE OR STREET NAME: 9 Manger Street (close to Route 10)

APPROXIMATE MILE POST: ____ (OR) NEAREST INTERSECTION: less than 1/4 of mile

TYPE OF SCHOOL: ELEMENTARY: ☒ XX JR HIGH: _____ HIGH: _____ COLLEGE: _____

HOURS SCHOOL IS IN SESSION: 7:30 AM TO 6:00 PM (including after care)

CAN CHILDREN BE SEEN FROM THE ROADWAY DURING RECESS: YES _____ NO ☒ XX

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 380 students NUMBER OF BUSES: 6 buses NUMBER OF WALKING: 50 students

CROSSING GUARDS PROVIDED: YES ☒ XX NO _____ DESIGNATED SCHOOL CROSSING(S): YES ☒ XX
(Depending on the intersection) NO _____

LOCATION(S): Manger Road and Ellison Road

PAINTED CROSSWALK(S) YES _____ NO ☒ XX LOCATION(S) _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - Route 10 is extremely busy and there is no light or designated spot for students or people to cross.

SUBMITTED BY:

Julie DiGiacomo
(Print Name)

Principal
(Print Title)

(Signature)


JOHN CALAVANO
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

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