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**Barrington Elementary School Feedback**

(13 survey responses)

***What do you think of the draft interior layout (floor plan) for this school?***

- I would like for the planners to consider the amount of foot traffic that will be coming through the group of classrooms next to the gym. The plans seem to indicate that upstairs students will come down that way to go to the gym as well as the other group of classes that is to the south of them on the drawing. The center area will be difficult for students to use with so much foot traffic coming and going from the gym and cafeteria area all times of the day.
- I love the "neighborhood" concept, and am glad you were able to incorporate it into the plans. Something I don't see that I was really hoping for as a teacher, is some type of project area in each neighborhood, since we are losing our project rooms. My team teacher and I use the project room space daily for "messy" work, including painting, gluing, and constructing that require easy-to-clean surfaces and clean-up using the sink. Will we be able to have a sink/cabinet/tiled area in each studio? If not, could we create something like that near the restroom area in each neighborhood or as part of the common area?
- Love the outside learning area, neighborhoods and 2 story option for the media center. My only concern is how the teachers will work together to ensure these neighborhoods are used the way they are intended. Teachers who are unwilling to adopt a new philosophy of collaborating should feel the pressure and feel uncomfortable in these buildings. That is up to the administration and district.
- I am worried that it will still take a very long time for elementary school students to get from one classroom to another, particularly for the students on the far south end of the school.
- It's a bit unclear - is studio meant to mean classroom? While I like the idea of common space, I think there needs to be a bit more separation. In my experience volunteering in the classroom, often there are several parents from several classrooms who need a bit of space to work with one or two students. The "studios" only show table space for 8 kids. Are the rooms big enough? Does it seem safe to have an open area below media center with 6-year-olds? At a minimum you need to make sure the railings are much higher so first graders can't climb over them. Also, where is there space for books in the media center? It seems like closing that second floor in would allow for many more books for our children. Is there any way to create a walkway to the media center for the

classrooms on the other side of the building. As stated below I am REALLY not comfortable with the use of glass garage doors in the classrooms as that seems to open the building up to intruders and make our children sitting ducks.

- Fantastic. Really excited about it.
- I like the neighborhood concept and the flexibility of the spaces. I think it will allow Barrington to grow and adapt as needed depending on class sizes and allow for even more collaboration. I also am impressed with the media center and the expanded cafeteria layout.
- Looks great. Love the interior learning courtyard space and the communal spaces between classrooms.
- Overall I think it's a good design. One question about the second floor - it seems to have two dead ends. Would connecting the two sides on the second floor even be a possibility? I'm not familiar enough with the architectural, structural and financial implications so it may not even be a consideration. However, in this day and age of school shootings, my head goes to the best chances of faculty and students having access to multiple options for escape.
- Wow! Very impressive.
- I like the common space and understand it's intention... but too large a space just invites chaos with kids. I might be more of a traditionalist, but please don't get caught up in current office space design trends.

***What do you think of the initial design for the exterior of this school?***

- It looks fine.
- Exterior of the building looks great. I hope the bump out of the building by the current admin offices is stone to match the rest of the building so it doesn't look like a "bump out."
- It looks good.
- I do not like all the glass walls. While I am a big fan of natural light for everyone, I don't think that having all that glass looks like it belongs on an historic building. I would prefer to see a continuation of the brick and stone of our existing school building.
- Great. I like how it matches the original building architecturally.
- I think it looks very good. I'll be curious how the interior courtyard area takes shape- how much it will be used given the winter months in Ohio.
- Looks nice and in keeping with the exterior appearance of the rest of the school.
- It seems to be a much better use of the lot with the wings of the school closer to one another rather than stretched out as they currently are. It will help maximize the time in the classroom vs. traveling from one end of the building to another.
- Looks great!
- I really like the layout you have planned. It doesn't deviate too much from the current footprint. More parking is needed by Jones field so I'm happy to see the plans kept that in mind.

***What do you think of the draft site layout (parking, playgrounds, etc.) for this school?***

- Glad to see more parking!

- The extra parking is much appreciated! I love the inner courtyard area and the outdoor learning it will allow.
- I am not sure why the parking lot is at the back of the building when the front of the building is on Barrington Rd. I am assuming all visitors will be using the front door on Barrington as the only accessible point of entry during the day but there isn't any parking close to it. I would suggest working hard to find 8-10 visitor spots on Barrington Rd where the playground is (not teacher spots) for parents who are picking up and dropping off midday. Another suggestion would be to flip flop the playground and parking lot. People on Guilford might like that better too. I still don't understand why Stop Drop and Go can't extend from the corner of Andover/Guilford all the way around to Barrington/Northwest corner. If there was no parking on the street in the morning and parents were just asked to pull all the way up, it would get more kids out fast. An entry like the current main entrance on the Andover side and the breezeway entrance would be fine. Stop Drop and Go on Andover could close at 8:15 to accommodate busses. Just a thought.
- The playground looks very small compared to the existing playground. I would be concerned about that since you are projecting that the population of the school will go up.
- It seems to me like there isn't enough play space for the number of children at the school. Also, it seems like trees between the playground and field area would make it hard for aides to keep an eye on everyone.
- Barrington has a MAJOR dropoff and pickup problem that the other schools don't seem to face as badly. Somehow, something needs to be done to address this. One suggestion would be to allow Northwest to be a right turn only lane and allow cars to queue while waiting for pickup or perhaps a dropoff/pickup along Andover. But leaving it as it does not address the problem and that's a major missed opportunity.
- Needs some work, especially the parking lot and how it is insulated from Guilford neighbors. The district needs to seriously consider how to eliminate after-hours loitering in the parking lot, and how to build a bigger buffer between parking lot and adjacent houses.
- I like the fence around the main play area that isn't currently there. I'm glad to see there will be expanded parking, but wish there was more than could be done for the stop-drop-and go line. I'm also uncertain as to where the outdoor line up will be because the current area is being transformed so much. It would be great if as part of the renovation that kindergarteners would be able to use the stop drop and go line. It's very difficult to be able to quickly drop off a kindergartener.
- I am concerned about the bulk of the grades 1-5 playground being at the corner of Northwest and Barrington. That is a high traffic, highly visible place to have a playground. What safety features, in addition to the fence, will be implemented to prevent people from the "outside" having easy access to our children while they play?
- Much better use of the grounds and much needed expanded parking.
- I think the changes make sense and will be nice.
- I'm not quite sure how the space will be laid out by Northwest Blvd and Barrington. I hope you keep that corner nice looking as that's how many people will see Barrington Elementary. Having an ugly blacktop and some basketball hoops is not the most inviting appearance. Please keep that corner well kept.

### ***Additional feedback?***

- I am concerned that there are only 4 bathroom stalls for 6 classrooms of at least 20 students = 120 students!
- One thing that we talked about a lot as a staff that doesn't seem to be incorporated was the need for drinking fountains, bathrooms, and a nurse's office that were easily accessible from the playground, so that children would not be coming into the building unsupervised to use the bathroom, get drinks, and go to the nurse. It appears that entrances from the playground are now even farther from interior bathrooms and the nurse's office. Is there any way we can put some bathrooms/drinking fountains on the outer edge of the building, preferably with doors directly to the playground? (These could remain locked when there was no outdoor supervision.)
- I appreciate all the time and effort that the committee has put in and especially Carla Wilson for taking so much time to make sure this plan is right.
- I would have liked to see a better design for drop off areas. I currently see parents doing very dangerous things at Andover and Guilford, just to avoid stop drop and go, and traffic is regularly blocked on the south side of northwest due to people waiting to get in line for stop drop and go. Also, the big open areas in the school are beautiful and modern, but please take into account acoustics. There are students at Barrington with hearing loss and big echoing spaces are very difficult for hearing. It would be great if sound field speakers should be added throughout common areas as well as classrooms and that special attention be paid to acoustics in the gym and cafeteria, as it is currently very hard to hear in these spaces.
- I am not comfortable at all with the amount of glass being used in the design of the interior spaces. After having attended the lengthy town hall on school safety, I cannot believe the district would propose this type of design. Is this bulletproof glass? What safety and locking mechanisms will be built into the doors of the individual classrooms in an active shooter situation? Bringing our buildings up to safety standards should be the number one priority of this team. Not to mention, having glass garage doors between individual classrooms seems like it would be incredibly disruptive to teachers and students alike. What is being built into the school to
- I'd also like to add to my previously submitting survey that I also don't think the garage door style is safe around elementary age kids. Having those style of doors going up and down is just begging for some sort of accident/crush injury/finger getting stuck and removed. For our own garage door, I have to make sure all the kids are clear of it before it goes down - that's a lot to put on a teacher who has to watch 25 first graders.
- Thank you for your ongoing efforts to engage with the community. It is appreciated.
- I also am highly concerned about the "garage doors" that open and close from the classrooms into the hallways or communal spaces. In a shooter situation, do we want someone to easily be able to see the entirety of the inside of a classroom? Seems very dangerous to me.

***What do you think of the draft interior layout (floor plan) for this school?***

- I think the interior floor plan works well and addresses safety concerns that we must deal with in today's world. There is a nice flow amongst classrooms and common spaces.
- Concerned how far apart Secretary and principal will be sitting, particularly compared to their proximity now. Also I assume Kindergarten bathrooms will be added in classroom or is that no longer necessary. If not they seem a little far for those kids.
- Interior- why glass classrooms? I think this is very distracting for young learners.
- Looks good. I am hoping there is ample space for speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy needs.
- Looks nice and a good layout. I have concern about the large windows from the classrooms to the interior space from a distractibility standpoint.
- I like the layout, however with Greensview growing I'm wondering if there needs to be more flexibility with the number of K classrooms.
- My one concern is how far away the office area is from the classrooms. LOVE the multiple common spaces and small group areas. It is so needed!

***What do you think of the initial design for the exterior of this school?***

- I am not crazy about the exterior design of this building. It reminds me too much of the unsightliness of Hastings which has been such an eyesore for as long as I can remember...I was a student of Hastings Junior High in the early 80's and the building was very ugly then as well. Maybe the exterior design of Greensview can incorporate more of a timeless look such as the more recent design of the Reed Road fire station? Use of a brick, stone, and glass combination? Just something other than any resemblance to Hastings.
- Love it!
- Looks fine.
- It seems so modern for the more traditional neighborhood.
- Looks nice.
- I think it is very aesthetically pleasing.
- Adding an outdoor learning space is definitely needed. It will rarely, if ever, be used being at the complete opposite end of the school from the classrooms. Can't it be placed between the kindergarten and main playground?

***What do you think of the draft site layout (parking, playgrounds, etc.) for this school?***

- The overall draft site layout looks nice but there will most likely be lots of traffic congestion once again. There should be more of an effort to have children walk to school. The streets leading to Greensview School from McCoy Rd need to have better sidewalk coverage for kids to walk safely to and from school. We did not feel safe having our kids walking from McCoy Road up Greensview because of lack of sidewalks on first section of Greensview Drive...such a shame.
- Works for me.
- Good.

- Can there still be a baseball field? The students and neighborhood kids always play on it!
- Good use of the space
- I like the idea of a centralized stop drop and go. I think having cars come into the lot would curb some of the crazy things that are currently happening at drop off. I like the idea of a separate Kindergarten playground.
- Space for a community garden????

### ***Additional feedback?***

- Is there any way we could get a rain barrel outside somewhere? Or, just access to water outside? It would help to water plants for the PTO's beautification committee. Thank you for updating our school! It needs it!
- having had interior windows in my high school, these are not a good a idea.
- This is such a better learning environment than what Greensview currently is. I hope there are simple additions throughout like anticipating future technology and how flexible wiring/set-ups will be. Also things like water bottle fill stations. Bulletin board strips/boards in hallways for class work displays. Recycle areas not just in classrooms. Big windows throughout to bring in natural light.

### **Tremont Elementary School Feedback**

(5 survey responses)

#### ***What do you think of the draft interior layout (floor plan) for this school?***

- I love it! It's going to be great when it's completed!
- too many windowed walls between classrooms.
- Very nice. All the spaces seem to flow nicely to meet the needs of the students and faculty. Good use of existing space and the needed add on space.
- I like the more open and community spaces. I think the kids love having that.
- If what I'm seeing is windows connecting classrooms, I think that is a terrible idea. All that's doing is asking for distraction, lack of concentration at the teacher, and safety hazards in the event of an active shooter. I've heard many people say they've experienced these types of rooms, and they were a disaster. PLEASE remove them.

#### ***What do you think of the initial design for the exterior of this school?***

- I like the addition. It fits well with the rest of the building.
- looks good
- Blends well into existing building design and space.
- I think it looks good and continues the current feel for the school.
- Please make safety THE top priority when it comes to entry ways, walls made of windows, etc.

***What do you think of the draft site layout (parking, playgrounds, etc.) for this school?***

- not much change
- Nice additions of green space and playgrounds within the school lot.
- Having a better entrance for K is going to be an improvement. I like how the playground will be "framed" by the walkway. It will make for a nicer walking club location. I'm kind of sad we'll be gone before this is finished.
- n/a

***Additional feedback?***

- I hope the furniture selection process will be open for discussion just like the building process was. The furniture for all of the schools is going to make a big impact on how these spaces function.
  - I didn't realize the recently new media center was being transformed and a new media center would be built.
  - Good design. Looking forward to seeing it completed to better serve our students and the community.
  - I cannot see and I forgot to ask about more unisex bathrooms for the kids who feel safer using them? I know we added one into the 3rd grade wing and I hope there will be more for the safety of the children.
  - Please Please listen to the parents concerns of safety.
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**Wickliffe Progressive Elementary School Feedback**

(16 survey responses)

***What do you think of the draft interior layout (floor plan) for this school?***

- Amazing
- vestibules at entrance / exit are too small
- I like it, especially the common areas. I am concerned about the "unbounded" library-- will there be a library "proper" where books are stored for check-out? Library is one of my daughter's favorite specials.
- Why is the library a hallway?
- I don't understand why the circulation areas are so large and have furniture. Shouldn't the classrooms be bigger instead of making large hallways?
- Good design. I like the open space and common areas. I am concerned that design seems that not increasing in number of classrooms beyond 2 new K rooms (4 per grade). Does this leave enough space if population grows, or will enrollment be limited— for instance there are 5, 5th grade classrooms in the current building this year. Also, there is no space for a gifted classroom, which should be included.
- It is hard to get a sense of scale from the floor plan, but the classrooms appear too small. Learning at Wickliffe involves a lot of moving around the classroom and the

current classrooms result in a lot of clutter and traffic jams. The new classrooms to not seem to solve this problem.

- I like the library placement, however, it looks like students need to walk through it to get into classroom/studio areas. Is that correct? If so, it won't be a library, it will be a corridor. Another general thought: first floor looks as if it is split into many smaller spaces... too cut up? Are the studios classroom size, and is that 900 sq feet?
- I like it, but hoping we have made all consideration of security in mind? Have a way to shut these glass walls with a touch of a button? Thanks!
- I wonder if the dining area will be really loud with the high ceilings, would smaller lunch areas for bigger kids and smaller kids be an option? I also worry about safety in school shootings with all the glass, as well as issues with kids with ADHD. Lastly I liked how the kinder playground currently is right out the door from their classroom
- Does "Studio" mean "Classroom"? It looks great, but what about the traveling Art, Music & PE teachers? I think it's a shame that the traveling art and music teachers teach in a gymnasium right now. Wickliffe will definitely attract more students with a brand new building and the numbers will grow, not diminish, correct? Will the new building warrant at least a 'flex' space for them? It would be ideal to have TWO spaces for each specialty area.
- Fine
- I have no experience with this design. I would like to see this kind of space in operation, and hear from teachers who have taught in this kind of space.
- Looks good
- Generally I like the layout. Attention should be paid to integrate or plan for display. With commons areas and glazing shown, there seems to be less wall space. Schools use walls for all sorts of activities and display...

***What do you think of the initial design for the exterior of this school?***

- Nice!
- it's ok - doesn't look like it will weather very well
- It's a little hard to really grasp it from the ppt renderings. I think I was expecting something with a pitched roof (to reduce roof maintenance costs) and a different visual aesthetic.
- Disappointing. You need to design something that looks like it belongs in a neighborhood, not something that looks like it belongs in an office park.
- The scale and placement of the building eliminates the large play field -- would like to see a large open field kept on the site.
- I think it looks nice.
- It looks a little bit more corporate than fits the neighborhood, but is vastly better than some of the potential elevations that were shown in the community meetings.
- I like the fact that some elements are reminiscent of the original building. I'm hopeful that trees/plants will enhance it.
- Like that there is still a courtyard to use for sure! Again just security:/
- I wish there was more green space and existing shade trees
- LOVE the bright windows and outdoor areas near communal spaces.
- I think it's ugly, honestly. Does not look like it belongs in UA. We have a chance to get this right and build a school that will be considered beautiful in 50 years. It should be

more classic, or include some classic UA materials like brick and stone. The plans for both Windermere and Wickliffe look cheap.

- I would have preferred fixing the current school.
- Are all those glass walls bulletproof? Better safe than sorry these days
- I do not like the gratuitous curved overhangs. And is the building responding at all to the site? Not really. Should be.

***What do you think of the draft site layout (parking, playgrounds, etc.) for this school?***

- Good!
- is the building high enough (elevation) to provide positive drainage away from the building? Provide a canopy for the bike rack located near the south drop off. Ensure that kids walking west on Wickliffe have safe access from the sidewalk through the parking lot to the building.
- I like the layout.
- Too much lot coverage.
- I think the drop off areas seem great. I am concerned about lack of free blacktop/field space during transition. I believe the current playground may need redone to give consideration of what is actually used by kids during recess. I know the castle playground is part of Wickliffe, but it is aging and takes up a huge area. A version of it could be rebuilt with PTO help which would include more swings and usable elements. Two elementary schools worth of kids are not going to have anywhere to play.
- I think it would make a lot more sense to have the kindergarten playground and blacktop located on the east side of the building (closest to the gym so that PE classes can utilize the blacktop when appropriate) and have all of the parking concentrated on the S/SW portions of the school property. Clustering the playgrounds together in this way would make it much easier to fence in the entire area (which is highly desirable from a security standpoint) since there is existing fencing along the east side of the school property. It also would allow the existing community garden to remain instead of being asphalted over as this plan calls for. Finally, it would allow for a larger chunk of usable green space. In the present plan, the green space on the far SW corner of the property is cut off from the other green space, so I would imagine it would not be used to the same degree as the larger green area. In short, it would be better to have green space on the W/NW side of the building, playgrounds + blacktop on the E/SE side, and all parking together on the S/SW of the building.
- I am in favor of many trees! It does seem that the outside elements are split into many different elements... too many elements? I don't see where there would be space for a large gathering...is that part of the intention? I think a large gathering space outside would be desirable.
- It's definitely different and hoping with landscape it can really be beautiful. Like the idea of a "living wall!" And maybe a veggie garden on the roof or something?!
- Thanks for keeping the castle playground.
- I am incredibly glad the Castle Playground is being kept...but will it also be restored?
- Fine
- I have concerns regarding the two years of construction and site sharing at Wickliffe. I have created a template of how the space will be negatively impacted for the children of Wickliffe for 2 years, and the children of Windermere for 1 year. These schools have

special challenges; the other UA schools have less disruption to deal with. I have scanned my template, and would be happy to share.

- Fine
- I like the organic feel. Attention should be paid to the pick up and drop off on Wickliffe Rd.- there is a direct and intense sun/ glare when driving on wickliffe in the morning and evening (direct east west orientation). This could be problematic for sight.

### ***Additional feedback?***

- Sad my kiddos will be done with Wickliffe by the time the school is complete, but excited for those who will attend. Nice work!!
- Provide canopies extending from the building to the drop off areas so kids don't get wet during inclement weather as they are arriving and leaving. also provides a nice shady area for kids to relax under during recess
- As additional renderings become available, can you share those? The ppt slides just didn't give me a good feel for how much better this is.
- Thanks.
- 1) One concern about the placement of the kiln: kiln's must be vented properly - unless plans include for proper ventilation where it is, it would need to be moved, what about to the opposite side of the room where it now sits? Permitting venting to the outside? Hope I can get to a meeting to see plans more clearly. Thank you.
- Hoping dropoff and pickup will be easier once flow is improved and that PTO can help too with feedback?!
- Please use nontoxic materials and low VOC paint and avoid toxic tire much in the playgrounds so our kids are not exposed to unhealthy things.
- Of course, with today's attack on the school in Texas, we are reminded of the supreme importance of creating SAFE schools, beyond all else. Please emphasize this element at the next meeting.
- Just Keep being Progressive
- There should be a sustainable story, even from schematic design. How does the sun affect the building? How are we shading it? How are we maximizing energy use? How are we getting natural light deeper into building? Right now it feels like this building could be anywhere USA.

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### **Windermere Elementary School Feedback**

(6 survey responses)

#### ***What do you think of the draft interior layout (floor plan) for this school?***

- The entrance needs a lot of improvement.
- The dining area doesn't look like there's enough space for all the kids to eat. Maybe more functional seating and a better layout will fix that. But why are the hallways/circulation areas so large? It looks like you have chairs in the design which seems like a safety hazard. And why not use that wasted space to make the classrooms bigger?

- I like the layout of the plan. The plan shows the outdoor learning as an enclosed space, however the perspectives do not show this. I would like to see these areas enclosed and more secure for the children.
- Only main comment is the main and west entrances. Not sure how I feel about just walking into an open space. To me that doesn't feel very welcoming. At least at the main entrance, if more of a foyer or transitional break from the entrance (and administrative offices area) into the dining open area could be created, I think that would be something I would like to see considered.

***What do you think of the initial design for the exterior of this school?***

- I do not think the exterior materials are appropriate for a building in the middle of a neighborhood.
- Very happy with the design- love the red brick, cement siding(?) and stone/white brick. Building feels "short". Include a white roof; it is already set up perfectly for solar panels- thank you!
- The materials seem bit bland and flat. A brick with a more contemporary color blend or done with a stacked pattern would be more interesting. Also, I do not like the curved soffit at the roof line at the corners - it seems a little heavy and the curve does not seem to match the aesthetic of the rest of the building. It would be nice to have a larger covered entry that extends out from the building along the sidewalk - similar to what is designed for Greensview Elementary. I do like the frame around the large windows on the brick walls. The extension of the brick walls and the expression of the wall thickness is a nice element.
- I like the clean lines and modern architectural design, it is reminiscent of the current building and a lot of the homes in the neighborhood (mid-century), however in comparison to Wickliffe's draft plans it's almost identical. I do not like that such similar plans are being proposed for both schools. Currently, each school has its own character, and to me proposing pretty much identical schools in close proximity to one another would not be appealing and would diminish that character/identity that each school currently holds.

***What do you think of the draft site layout (parking, playgrounds, etc.) for this school?***

- Need to make certain there is enough parking so that staff stop parking on side streets.
- I don't like that the school has turned its back on its "front door" at Haviland/Windermere. Losing this activity and moving it further south is a loss for the school. Need some bicycle parking! Work with the City to stripe on-street parking spaces near the school. Incorporate the "Windermere Way" more into the design. Also needs a garden area.
- I would like to see a sidewalk continuous around the entire site - it looks like the northeast corner does not have a sidewalk. As someone who walks this area frequently, I use the west side of Windermere a lot and it would be inconvenient to cross the street at Haviland & Windermere.
- I would consider adding in additional buffer/transition space at each drop off area. It is important to remember as kids get dropped off, they open doors which impede on others walking by. Currently at Windermere's drop off area there is a wide sidewalk next to the curb. The current sidewalk is not wide enough for the kids/parents walking both ways (to

and from at the same time) and doors opening from drop of vehicles block a portion of the sidewalk making it even harder to navigate. Also, I think bus drop off areas vs parent drop off areas should be taken into consideration. I like the playground layout, the more open space and natural elements the better. I would also like to see nature/science/ecological learning area be incorporated (maybe as part of stormwater design?). Also, sidewalk connectivity through and around school is very important. And consideration for bikes and placement of bike racks in the design as to not impede with drop off areas (vehicular traffic, including buses).

***Additional feedback?***

- Include elements from the Grange Insurance Audubon Center! Thank you for everything; process has been amazing!
- From a traffic perspective, I would like the design team to think about traffic movement and study existing conditions vs proposed as it relates to drop off and pick up times especially and its effects on the surrounding neighborhood streets. Also, the transition from parking lot/hard surface at the SE portion of the property (Middlesex and Windermere) please consider adding in a buffer or transitional area (vegetative?). From a streetscape perspective it would go a long way. Also safety elements including crosswalks marked, designated and signed (pedestrian crossing signs in the street) are very important; as well as no parking areas clearly signed and marked. In addition, speeds on local surrounding streets (esp Middlesex) and marking school zones on the appropriate residential streets.