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**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY**  
**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

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ROBERT A. DOSS, DIRECTOR

August 3, 2017

The Honorable Sherri F. Myers  
City Council Member  
222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502

Re: Letter of Support

Council Member Myers,

As you know, sidewalks not only offer a safe place for children to walk to and from school, they also provide safe walking access for the community as a whole.

I support the installation of sidewalks along Burgess Road and along other roads on which Escambia County School District students are inclined to walk in order to avoid drainage ditches, sluiceways, swales, or channels as they travel by foot or bicycle between home and school. Their tendency to resort to walking on the roadway is dangerous and it discourages them from walking, bicycling, and exercising in neighborhoods where they should feel safe in doing so. I recognize that budget dollars are scarce, and I concur with the prioritization of projects throughout the City in the order of their hazard severity, in whatever district they exist.

Additionally, I support the inclusion of traffic calming devices to the extent Florida Department of Transportation criteria permits along primary routes to and from school where motorists frequently exceed the speed limit and a law enforcement presence is not practicable.

Finally, it is my understanding that the Florida Department of Transportation has approved the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Lanier Drive and Creighton Road. I support the expeditious completion of that project and request that the City encourage the timely completion of that work.

If I can provide any additional support or assistance in eliminating hazards to our citizen pedestrians and bicyclists, especially the children among them, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Doss, Jr.  
Director of Transportation  
The School District of Escambia County