

**RESOLUTION FOR ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS FOR THE  
PROTECTION AND EDUCATION OF ALL GPPSS STUDENTS AND  
COMMUNITY**

**SPONSOR: Colleen Worden**

**AGENDA NUMBER & TITLE:** 9.3.

**Whereas**, one of the duties of the Board of Education under Michigan law and pursuant to GPPSS bylaws is to provide for the general safety and welfare of the students.

**Whereas**, in 2024/2025 Budget Parameter item #2, it is provided that the District shall pursue strategies for the safety and well-being of students and staff, with encouragement for administration to pursue partnerships with law enforcement and private foundation and government funding to minimize impact on the budget.

**Whereas**, there are tragic and profound circumstances of lives cut short and otherwise impacted by safety threats and dangers, including speeding and reckless driving.

**Whereas**, each day lives are lost and damaged as a result of excessive speed. The National Highway and Traffic Safety Awareness (NHTSA) reports that there were 12,233 speeding related fatalities, which was an increase of 8% from 2020 and that speeding was a contributing factor of the highest percentage of motor vehicle crashes in 2021 in any year since 2013.

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/book/countermeasures-that-work/speeding-and-speed-management>

**Whereas**, locally, our community has suffered profound loss where even properly restrained passengers are not protected from the consequences of speeding. This serves as a call to action to work to prevent future tragedy of important lives impacted and cut short.

**Whereas**, this initiative is further called for because GPPSS is a District without full school provided transportation and there are often teen drivers transporting themselves and others to schools.

**Whereas**, many students walk and ride bicycles to schools. Raising greater awareness of the dangers of speed and education directly from school programs and related to school walkways will increase the safety and welfare of all students and staff and better prepare GPPSS students.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved that:**

- 1) the administration will seek partnership with local and federal government and private foundations to offer educational programs to proactively educate high school age students on the danger inherent outside the classroom on the dangers of speeding and reckless driving.
- 2) the high schools will seek and develop programs and tools to facilitate conversation on the danger of speeding and reckless driving.
- 3) GPPSS will seek to deepen partnership with local law enforcement to work proactively to address student safety as well as awareness of the dangers of speeding around schools by adult and student drivers to help promote a climate of automotive safety in our neighborhood schools.

AYES: Members:

NAYS: Members:

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**Trustee Lisa Papas**, Secretary, Board of Education I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education of Grosse Pointe Public Schools, at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts

of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.