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Ellen Small, Superintendent  
i/c/o Jennifer Heywood, Administrative Assistant  
Raymond School District, SAU #33  
43 Harriman Hill Road  
Raymond, New Hampshire 03077-1509

Re: Raymond School District – Bus Stops

Dear Superintendent Small:

You wanted to know whether the District has authority to determine where it is safe to locate a bus stop.

New Hampshire law provides that it is the District that is responsible for establishing the location of a school bus stop. Specifically, RSA 189:8 states in relevant part, "School districts shall assure that pupils shall not be subject to unsafe conditions while walking the required distance to a school bus stop and that the school bus stop is established in a safe location." Parents who believe that a school bus location is unsafe have the right to appeal to the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education can determine whether the particular stop is safe, but cannot determine the location of a new stop because only a school district can establish the location of a bus stop.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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