



Sedro-Woolley School District No. 101

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Dear Mr. Emerson,

Per our conversation, the Sedro-Woolley School District has two schools within the Evergreen School region, both having McGarigle Street adjacent to the schools.

Evergreen STEM Elementary School has nearly 600 students attending the school. The campus also houses the Northwest Educational Service District Discovery School, as well as the Skagit Valley College Head Start pre-school program. There are nine busses that transport students during both the morning and afternoon routes. The school begins at 9:00 a.m. with the peak arrival time in the morning for students beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 9:00 a.m. In addition to the nine busses, there are many families driving their children in private vehicles to and from school that can back up traffic on McGarigle east to Fruitdale Road and west to Highway 9. In the afternoon, the Evergreen STEM school day ends at 3:30 p.m. In anticipation of picking their children up, parents and guardians begin to line their vehicles up about 3:00 p.m. Again, the back-up impacts McGarigle Road in both directions. The nine school district busses arrive to the school and line up just after 3:00 p.m. There is quite a bit of congestion as both busses and private vehicles leave the school beginning at 3:30 p.m. until about 4:00 p.m.

Cascade Middle School has nearly 700 students attending the school and their school day begins at 7:43 a.m. There are 15 busses that travel on Highway 9 and turn into the bus lane located on the south side of the school. The exit point for the busses is Highway 20. Private family vehicles turn into the parking lot for student drop-off from McGarigle Road with a steady stream beginning about 7:30 a.m. and ending about 8:00 a.m. The congestion on McGarigle Road and Highway 9 is much greater at this time of day because of the location of the middle school. The entry to the middle school is only one block from Highway 9 and the private vehicles are backed up to Highway 9 waiting for their turn to enter the parking lot and student drop-off area for the school. The afternoon is very similar to the morning session. The busses are loaded on the south side of the school and exit onto Highway 20. The private vehicles begin lining up to pick up their children about 2:00 p.m. for a 2:15 p.m. end of school day. The congestion lasts until about 2:30 p.m.

Thank you for your inquiry, it is appreciated.

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