

# North Haledon Public Schools

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Dear Families and Community Stakeholders:

Yesterday morning (3/16/22), an HMS student was walking to school and was struck by a car as they were approaching the entrance to the municipal baseball fields between the police station and library.

Police were on the scene, as were two HMS staff members including the school principal, Mrs. Lind. The ambulance did arrive as the child who was hit by the car was taken to the hospital for a health evaluation. During Mrs. Lind's call to the child's home late yesterday, the child was home and recovering.

While a difficult experience for all to go through, both the child and the driver (with passenger) were not seriously injured, but enough stress to scare. Response was swift as all who were able to assist those involved need to be credited with their action. Thank you to Lt. Conforti and Officer Faasse for their involvement. Also, Mayor George - who has been a supporter and partner for our schools - has indicated to us he will now place a crossing guard in this area. We thank Mayor George for his help and attention to this matter as well.

As we move forward, please continue to be attentive to all that is occurring before and after school. Between the many vehicles traveling near and around our schools, as well as children who are walking to school and crossing the street, the challenges are plentiful for everyone.

Thank you,

Nicholas S. Coffaro

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