



# Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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*Constance D. Evelyn, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Willow Road Families:

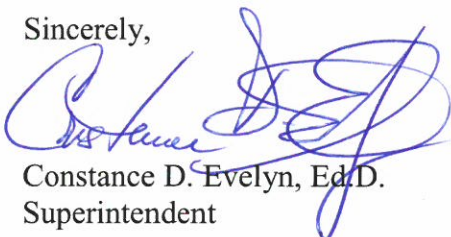
As promised, I am writing to provide you with an update regarding our plans as a result of the traffic accident that occurred at our school in early January. The District is grateful for the concerted and expeditious efforts of our elected officials in conducting a comprehensive traffic study to identify “areas of improvement in order to reduce the amount of speeding near the school”. This work eliminated the necessity to contract with a private firm. Below are points of progress relative to the District’s engagement in responsive actions to January’s traffic incident.

1. The playground impacted will continue to be unavailable until as least the spring to complete the work that will replace and fortify the fencing around the perimeter. The design for the new fence around this outdoor recreation area has been completed by the District’s architect. We have considered the aesthetic value of the fence, as well as the appearance of the reinforcing highway grade guardrail that will increase the level of safety.
2. We have finished conducting multiple soil tests. It was necessary to do a second test for one of the samples taken. All tests have resulted in the area being clear of any contaminants.
3. Our Facilities Director has worked in close partnership with the principal, Ms. Rosalie Ambrosio to complete the order of a new swing set. The timeframe for the receipt of this equipment is approximately 6-8 weeks.

The support of the entire broader school community to ensure the safety of our outdoor learning and recreation areas at the Willow Road School has been tremendous. The Board of Education and the District are thankful to have such high levels of engagement and support.

As always, the District’s highest priority is the health and safety of our students, staff members and all those who visit our school.

Sincerely,



Constance D. Evelyn, Ed.D.  
Superintendent