

Brampton Safety Council Site Inspection Report

Date: May 12, 2025 – Ward 4

School/Location: Eldorado Public School - 35 Wardsville Drive

Principal: John Uren

Time(s): 7:45 AM, 2:35 PM

Phone: 905-456-7690

Weather: A.M. cool; P.M. sunny and warm

Requested By: Abdur Rasheed - Resident

Nature of Problem: Review Traffic Congestion and Crossing Guard Inquiry at Wardsville Drive / Financial Drive

Observers Present: Don Haberer, Citizen Member, A.M., P.M.; Will Davies, Trustee, A.M, P.M.; Kim Bernard, Team Lead, Crossing Guard AM, PM.; Ana Carvalho Team Lead, Crossing Guard, A.M, P.M.; Mohan Balasubramaniyam, Citizen Member, A.M.; Satvir Dhaliwal, Citizen Member, P.M.; Charles Gonzalves, P.M, Citizen Member.

Observations:

1. Eldorado Public School is located on the northwest corner of Financial Drive and Wardsville Drive. Financial Drive is a four-lane roadway with traffic signals at the intersection of Wardsville Drive. "No U-turn" signage is posted facing drivers travelling northbound on Financial Drive at the intersection of Wardsville Drive.
2. The student population is approximately 830 and the school is serviced by five small and nine large school buses.
3. Signage indicating 40km/h speed limits are in place on Financial Drive and on Wardsville Drive at the front of the school.
4. Signage indicating "No Stopping", Mon-Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM" are located on both on Financial Drive and Wardsville Drive, with the exception on the south side of Wardsville Drive at the front of the school.
5. Access to the Kiss and Ride is from the west driveway on Wardsville Drive. There are no lane markings at the driveway entrance and the Kiss and Ride signage is poorly located.
6. The school used pylons to block a portion of the Kiss and Ride, during the afternoon and only allow a small school bus. During afternoon visit, vehicles attempting to exit the Kiss and Ride were delayed for long periods of time as teachers escorted students to buses.

7. Many drivers were observed making U-turns at the intersection of Wardsville Drive and Financial Drive during both morning and afternoon visits.
8. There were fifty-one (51) vehicles stopped and or parked unattended during the morning visit on Financial Drive as parents escorted students onto the school property. Occasionally vehicles were double parked. During the afternoon visit twenty-four (24) vehicles waited in the curb lane of Financial Drive prior to the end of the school day. Many more vehicles stopped to pick up students after the bell.

Recommendations:

1. That the Site Inspection report for Eldorado Public School be received;
2. The Manager of Bylaw and Enforcement arrange for the enforcement of the “No Stopping” restrictions on Financial Drive during school arrival and dismissal times;
3. That the Manager of Traffic Services arrange for the extension of the “No Stopping, 8-5” on Financial Drive beyond Plentywood Drive.
4. That Peel District School Board, Planning Department, review the existing Kiss and Ride for possible improvements. In addition, ensure the pavement markings and signage is clearly visible; and,
5. That Peel Regional Police be requested to enforce the “no U-turn” signage at Financial Drive and Wardsville Drive.