



HIGHLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Kathy Carruth
Executive Director
Highland District Council
1978 Ford Parkway
St. Paul, MN 55116

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Dear Ms. Carruth:

Highland Catholic School is happy to submit this letter of support for the 2014/2015 CIB proposal to upgrade the facilities at The Highland Village Streetscape.

Highland Catholic School, 2017 Bohland Avenue, enrolls 490 students in Grades PreK-8. Most of our families live within walking distance of the school. As a neighborhood school, we try to be active in the Highland Park Community.

The sidewalks in the Highland Village are a part of the students' everyday life. You will find our students:

- Walking to and from school with families and friends
- Being escorted to and from school by 6th grade school patrols
- Participating in Walking Fieldtrip - All classes take frequent outings to the library, park and other businesses

The current sidewalks are not safe, with bulging bricks, huge gaps, and uneven surfaces. Such damaged sidewalks on private property or school property would have to be marked with spray paint to alert pedestrians of the dangerous situation. I am certain the brick inlays and planters were attractive when they were installed, but now they are more than an eyesore; they are dangerous.

Sincerely,

Jane Schmidt
Principal