

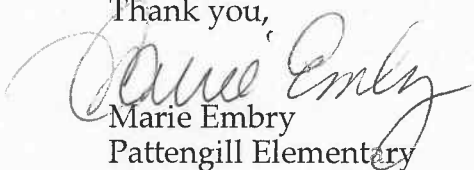
January 13, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Marie Embry and I am a teacher at Pattengill Elementary School. My students and I discussed the condition of the roads around our school. The students felt that we needed to write to someone about the conditions of the streets after a big snowfall.

I am always looking for new writing projects for my students and thought that this would allow them to write in a different genre than they had in the past. We were not sure to whom we should address the letters. We also realize that each letter may not get a response. It would be great if we could get some response to this and let the students know what the protocol is for the street plowing.

Thank you,


Marie Embry
Pattengill Elementary
2100 Crestland
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December 20, 2013

Dear City Clerk,

I am a student at Pattengill school and I am writing to you to bring to attention the road of Crestland Drive. As you may already know, the direct route to Pattengill School (Crestland Drive) is in need of plowing. I and my colleagues agree that this problem should be addressed immediately. It is a major hazard to both children walking alongside it and vehicles driving upon it.

The road is very dangerous in many ways. Children can slip and fall. Cars can get lodged in the snow. Also, busses and parents driving their kids to school could slip on the ice and sleet covering the road. I myself have been in a slipping bus on my way to school. I was hoping that we could do something about it.

You could start by plowing after a major snow storm on the first day instead of two or three days after the snow storm happens. Also you could salt it so it won't be slippery. This will insure the main route to Pattengill will be safe for cars, busses, and children. I hope this note will make an impact and thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Luke R.

Mrs. Embry's class

Pattengill Elem.

December 18, 2013

Dear City Clerk,

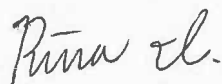
I am writing this letter to you because I personally have experienced dangerous things on the unplowed and unsalted Crestland Drive.

Crestland Drive connects to Pattengill Elementary. Every weekday the kids are walking, driving, or either bussing to this school. The fact that Crestland Drive is not plowed and salted is very dangerous to these kids. A child may be walking to school when a car that could not stop completely at the "STOP" sign, could come by and get them injured or even killed. The buses could slip on the unsalted roads and put the kids riding them in danger. Many dangerous things could happen on these roads near the school.

I have heard that the streets were plowed on Wednesday (Dec. 18) even though it snowed on Sunday (Dec. 15). It is good that it was plowed by Wednesday but it would have been much safer for the kids and the buses if it were plowed on that day or on Monday morning. I understand that the major roads are important, but I would be more than delighted to see the roads that connect to the Ann Arbor Schools plowed and salted.

Thank You For Your Time,

Rina I.



Mrs. Embry's Class

Pattengill Elementary

December 20,2013

Dear City Clerk,

My name Shahed. The school I go to is Pattengill Elementry. Guys, you need to fix the road. The reasons you should is because cars are rolling around like a donut and that is dangerous because kids, adults, and old people can get hurt. Also the people that drive cars are are going backwards on hills and that is bad really bad. Also some cars are slipping and moving around like a fishtail.

I think the first street that should be plowed and salted is Crestland Dr. This street should be plowed and salted first because it is a lot dangerous for kids, adults, and old people. They can slip right away and get hurt or break one of their body parts.

Sincerely,
Shahed

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Mrs.Embrys class
Pattengill Elementry

December,18,2013

Dear City Clerk,

Im writing to you because Crestland should be plowed a lot more. Its not safe at all! I speak from both personal experience and witness. Last year it was a snowy day, and no one cared to plow or salt the road, my moms car slipped while going up the hill, and we came so close to a truck I was ready to jump out the back doors! we stayed like that in the traffic jam for 5 minutes. Soon the traffic jam of 2 vehicles became a jam of 6 After another 2 minutes our car went free of the jam.

This is a very dangerous issue. It is also not only Crestland Dr but Ridge avenue. Because lots of buses pass through the road! There was lots of times when i heard that the buses slid on the ice. It could be very a disaster if a bus were to slide and hit a group of cars! It could cause the life of kids.

Some solutions are to plow the two roads a lot, or salt the roads. It would be safer for kids, parents, and Teachers. I also think that Crestland and Ridge should be considered primary roads. And I realize that the roads where there are a lot of intersections need to be plowed, but i think for the sake of the life of children Crestland and Ridge should be plowed or salted more. *Thank You!*

Sincerely, Vafa A

Mrs.Embrys class

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vafa A', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

December 8, 2013

Dear City Clerk

Crestland Drive and Ridge Ave. roads are just crazy! They are putting kids in danger. And these are school roads. 100's of people come here every day. It's causing a road hazard. Please fix this for the safety for the people of and next to Pattengill and for buses, cars, and homes next to Pattengill.

This is bad because these roads have ice and slush. This is putting lives at risk, just to get to every day school! It's incredible what these roads are turning into.

My solution is salt. You guys should put salt on these roads right after it snows. Because snow sometimes=ice. This will be good for the safety of the people.

Sincerely, Isaac A

Isaac A.

Mrs. Embry's class Pattengill Elementary

December 18 2013


Dear City Clerk,

My name is Sophie Reznick and I go to Pattengill Elementary. The reason I am writing to you is because we need Crestland Drive to be plowed. It is a safety hazard that it doesn't get plowed.

It is incredibly dangerous for children and parents to drive or walk up that hill! I have seen many kids get hurt from slipping and they could get hit by a car!

I hope you can consider the following and keep hundreds of kids and parents safe. It would make this school a better, safer place. I know that you have a lot of "more important" streets but I hope you can plow this street first like all the other important streets.

Sincerely,

Sophie R. 
Mrs. Embry's class
Pattengill Elementary

December 18, 2013

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing a letter to you because our school (Pattengill) is located on a street called Crestland Drive. It's very snowy and icy and it's just a disaster waiting to happen.

Why I am writing to you ? I am writing to you because the road that my school is located on is a very icy and extremely snowy road. It is very dangerous and cause a disaster. A possibility for an incident is a car could fishtail and hit a kid while walking across the crosswalk, or slowly coming to a rolling stop and the person might think "if I stop in my car I'll get stuck" while the kid could be thinking that the car might stop because they have the right away.

My school thinks the solution to this chaos is the road can become a main road. I think Crestland drive could be plowed and salted on daily bases in the winter. We all get that the more import roads have to be plowed but please consider plowing our school road.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel P.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nathaniel P." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs. Embry's class
Pattengill Elementary

December 19, 2013

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing today to address the issue of Crestland Drive and Ridge Ave where the school buses stop. Kids like me who ride the school bus know that Ridge Ave is really slippery! Crestland Drive is a road that leads to Pattengill. A lot of parents and kids use it everyday. So when it snows it is a hazard. The slippery sidewalks and roads prove difficult to drive and walk on. What I am proposing is that Crestland Drive and Ridge Ave will be plowed and salted earlier, so the children's lives will not be at such a risk. This will help children get to school, and school is important!

Here are some reasons why Crestland Drive is dangerous. When cars go into a rolling stop they might think that the car coming from the other side will stop but they both don't! Also when a child is crossing the road he/she might think that the car shall stop but the car does not stop! Another danger Crestland Drive possess is when cars slide down a hill. That's really dangerous! What if a child and parents are in that car? They could be seriously damaged and their lives at risk. One more hazard is that cars fishtail. The child could get really bumped up and the parent would really have trouble controlling the car! Those are reasons why Crestland Drive will be dangerous if it is not plowed and salted sooner!

Now to the problems of Ridge Ave! A lot of kids take the buses every morning and afternoon. I have had personal experience! When my bus comes in it crashes about. Thankfully those are not so bad, but what if one is bad! The results would be terrible! Each time a bus comes in children's lives are in danger. So

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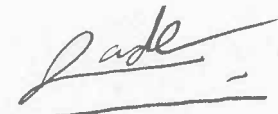
Dear City Clerk,

I am a student at Pattengill Elementary school. I have noticed that Crestland Drive has not been plowed. I know you have other roads to plow like the main roads but after the main roads can you plow ours? Lots of kids walk on that road and cars go by. Because the roads are not plowed and salted the roads can be slippery and someone that is walking could get hit. Also, buses go there and kids and parents can get really hurt.

I also noticed that Ridge Ave. has not been plowed too and lots of buses go through there and the buses have to stop because it is so slippery and dozens of kids can get hurt.

So do you think you can plow Crestland Drive and Ridge Ave, please?

From, Jade L

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Pattengill Elementary

Mrs. Embry class

