



# BROTHER ANDRÉ CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Brother Andre CHS community and, particularly, our special needs students, I would like to thank you for installing the new count-down lights at the corner of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue E. and Highway 48. This new system has been of great benefit to all pedestrians, especially our special needs students, as well as the elderly.

Prior to the installation of the count-down lights we could not even fathom sending out our most vulnerable students to their respective co-op placements independently because of this intersection; although, for 2 years, we did try. At the best of times this particular corner is dangerous and the old crossing lights offered pedestrians little direction or confidence when crossing.

I am delighted to inform you that once the count down system was installed it took a mere 2 weeks for our students to learn to cross safely and independently. This new system has been instrumental in their success; our special needs students are now able to cross with confidence knowing that they truly understand the light system instead of guessing whether or not it is safe to cross.

In light of the great success the count-down light system has offered our community, I encourage you to continue the installation of these lights at all major intersections throughout Markham and beyond. All of our residents, old and young, special needs or main stream, deserve to feel as safe as possible when traversing their city streets.

Sincerely,

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