



HILLCREST SCHOOL

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February 8, 2016

Dear Hillcrest Community:

I am writing to provide information about an unfortunate incident that happened this morning and to outline the steps we are taking to ensure a safe environment for our students.

- At approximately 8:19am on Monday, February 8, 2015, four Hillcrest students were walking to school when one of them was struck by a car at the corner of Hermosa Avenue and Florence Avenue, one block from the Hillcrest campus.
- The other three students immediately called 911 and contacted the victim's mother via text/phone.
- The Oakland Police Department (OPD) arrived first on the scene, followed by the Oakland Fire Department.
- First aid was administered on-site and the victim was transported to the hospital in her mother's car for further evaluation.

Obviously, the safety of our students is of paramount importance, not only when they are in our care on campus but also as they move about the community. I have contacted one of the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools coordinators about potentially meeting with the Aurora, Holy Names, St. Theresa and Hillcrest communities about mobilizing as a team to add stop signs at some of our corners that currently have yield signs or no signs at all.

Please feel free to contact me personally if you have any other questions.

Respectfully,

Lissa Hines  
Principal