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Subject:	U-turns on Hiller
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Dear Wendy:

Yesterday, Friday 12/2 at about 1:50, I observed two rapid u-turns on Hiller in front of my driveway as I was leaving my house. The first car. a white BMW, was going so fast and executed the u-turn at such speed that I was stunned and went to see where it was going in such a hurry. Then a second car, a dark Lexus, made the same maneuver at a similar speed just barely missing a bounce off my driveway curb. Both cars pulled to the curb lane and parked uphill from the school entrance behind a string of parked cars. The first driver walked down the hill to Bentley and the second remained in her car while I left. Another driver was parked at the curb above my driveway and remained in her car waiting for student dismissal. A flag person was in place at the driveway but I couldn't see if he observed the u-turns.

The Monitoring reports by DKS have mentioned speed and u-turns as safety and CUP compliance concerns. The October 27 observation also suggested that the school repeat its parent education program to reduce u-turns and confusion in the system. The importance of the no u-turn policy in Bentley's Traffic plan is to create a safer traffic environment for everyone, and u-turns on Hiller near Bentley are particularly dangerous for every driver and pedestrian using Hiller. The intersection at North/South Hill Courts and Hiller Drive is a "blind intersection" because from below the intersection the view of cars travelling downhill through the intersection is blocked by the steepness of the road. Bentley parents making u-turns below this intersection may not be fully aware of this danger.

DKS monitors only observe twice a month and see only a fraction of the u-turn violators. There is no apparent enforcement by traffic attendants on duty or by the School. We ask that Bentley again review the school's traffic handbook and the safety issues related to making u-turns and follow-up with enforcement of the rules. Related to this issue is our observation that parents are again arriving before dismissal times to get into the queue at the garden curb or to idle or wait in their cars on Hiller Drive. We ask that Bentley also review the times that parents should be arriving for pickup so that they can flow quickly through the pick up lane.

Thank you for your attention,

Linda Harris