



# De La Salle Santiago Zobel School

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## **Re: Update – Traffic Management and Community Relations**

To our dear neighbors and friends in the community:

Further to the objectives of the traffic management and community relations plan (*Plan*) of De La Salle Santiago Zobel School (*DLSZ*), we would like to update you on the progress of our continuing efforts toward addressing or managing traffic congestion and related issues affecting the immediate vicinity of *DLSZ* (the *Neighborhood*). We have presented the Plan in previous meetings where some of our neighbors and friends in the community were present.

While the Ayala Alabang Village Association (*AAVA*) has not accepted the Plan, we have proceeded to implement various aspects of the Plan in the interest of responding to the call of our neighbors to action. We feel obliged to present this brief report to you in light of your patience, and your cooperation and support for the various measures that *DLSZ* has employed as part of the Plan.

*Initial Accomplishments.* We are pleased to report the following accomplishments and developments pursuant to the Plan:

- To date, the number of private vehicles that transport students who do not reside in Ayala Alabang Village (*AAV*) during peak hours in the morning have been reduced to approximately 800 on regular days from approximately 1,100 in the preceding academic year.
- *DLSZ* has adopted a traffic manual (*Traffic Manual*) that defines and penalizes various traffic and related offenses;
- Seminars on traffic rules and regulations have been conducted for all applicants for *DLSZ* car stickers.
- We have procured and will soon deploy cameras that traffic enforcers and security personnel will use to track violators of traffic regulations in the Traffic Manual;
- *DLSZ* has installed at the entrance gate a digital screen that provides information regarding pollution levels around *DLSZ*;
- There is now a “junior police” force composed of volunteer students who are stationed on campus in the morning to help younger students;

- We actively encouraged, without compelling, parents and guardians to find alternative modes of transporting students to and from school (e.g., school vans for hire, carpools, etc.).
- Shuttle vans for hire have been increased from 54 units in academic year 2014-2015 to 72 units in the present academic year 2015-2016. Tracking devices are installed in all accredited shuttle vans to help parents monitor the vans and the students; and
- There are currently 294 carpool groups that were organized by parents and guardians of students on a voluntary basis with the assistance of the DLSZ administration.

*Pending and Unaccomplished Matters.* However, as outlined and explained below, DLSZ is unable to move forward with certain details of the Plan.

- The traffic management and community relations committee (the *Committee*) that was proposed in the Plan has not been created. Under the Plan, the committee will be composed of representatives from the Neighborhood, AAVA, DLSZ and the DLSZ Parents Association. AAVA does not support the creation of the Committee.
- The proposed memorandum of agreement, which includes a population cap, a specific range of percentages by which the volume of vehicles around DLSZ during peak hours will be decreased, and the creation of the Committee, has not been signed.

While we believe that traffic congestion in the Neighborhood has improved significantly over the past few months, we would like to continue soliciting feedback from the Neighborhood to ensure that DLSZ is exerting best effort toward addressing the issues raised by its neighbors. We are in fact in the process of planning, and will invite you to, another town hall meeting, where we will actively solicit feedback from concerned neighbors. When you receive our invitation, we hope you take the time to join us.

In the meantime, if you have any comments, suggestions or concerns, please feel free to communicate with us thru DLSZ's Advancement & Communications Office at 771-DLSZ local 748 or [adcomm@dlszobel.edu.ph](mailto:adcomm@dlszobel.edu.ph).

Fraternally yours,



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