



Dear Thornhill PS Community,

I am writing to inform you about the upcoming Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program expansion adjacent to Thornhill Public School.

ASE is an automated system that uses a camera and speed measurement device to enforce speed limits in identified areas. If a vehicle exceeds the posted speed limit in ASE-enforced area, the system captures an image which is reviewed by a provincial offences officer. An image of the offence, license plate and ASE ticket with an associated fine will be mailed within the next 30 days.

The Regional Municipality of York has been authorized by the Province of Ontario to implement and operate ASE in community safety zones and school zones. The designated zones on Yonge Street, south of Arnold Avenue, directly affects traffic in the area around the school.

Our goal is to increase speed compliance, alter driver behavior and increase public awareness about the need to slow down. ASE cameras will help reduce speeding in school zones and increase the safety of all road users around the school. This program is designed to make the area safer for your students while encouraging more walking and cycling to school.

When an ASE camera is in the area, vehicle operating speeds are reduced by approximately 10 kilometres per hour and speed limit compliance increases by approximately 25%.

Currently, three ASE mobile cameras are rotated in prioritized locations, including 14 school areas, every three months. This program's expansion includes installing 20 additional fixed cameras by the end of 2024 and 40 more by 2026 as approved by Regional Council.

To inform the public of future ASE-enforced areas, we have installed warning signs on street and information about the ASE program is available online at [york.ca](https://www.york.ca)

If you have any additional questions, please contact me for more information.

Sincerely,

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