



Every Voice Matters

A Path to Unity Story



Maya and Leo were almost hit while crossing near Unity School.



When they told their neighbors, they learned this was not the first close call.



“Knowing there is a problem is not the same as fixing it,” Maya said.



With adult help, they took photos, counted cars, and timed the crossing signal.



Soon, they had facts instead of only worries.



Their families helped them bring the information to a city council meeting.



Maya told the council what happened and asked them to make the crossing safer.



Councilmember Reyes listened carefully. “Now it is our job to find out what can be done.”



City engineers inspected the intersection and found real safety problems.



The city agreed to make the crossing safer.



Workers painted bright new crosswalk stripes.



A flashing warning light was added to help drivers see the crossing.



A few weeks later, Maya and Leo waited at the same corner.



The signal changed, the cars slowed, and they crossed safely.



“That feels a lot different,” Leo said.



Maya and Leo spoke up, gathered the facts, and their representatives listened. Every voice matters.

Speak up. Listen. Work together.

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