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School traffic speed zones are needed; however they are not necessary during all hours of the day. We need to protect our school children, but at the same time not have unneeded laws for drivers.

The main interest of many is to protect our children. A law enforcing a lower speed limit while driving near schools helps ensure us that our children are safer. These zones are helpful and prevent disastrous accidents. However, schools are only in session for part of the day. So why are the school zone speeding laws still applied when school is not in session? Many people have been asking this question, and I am trying to find a resolution for this. I believe that from the hours of 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, the laws enforced in school zones should still be set in place. However, at all other hours, the speed should not be lowered, and the penalties should not be as great. Penalties for speeding in school zones include huge fines and the embarrassment of your name in the paper. With a law having school zones only used during specific hours, the children will remain safe, and drivers will have less of an inconvenience.

A major argument of this is that children remain playing at playgrounds beyond these hours. However, evidence clearly states that children are usually at the playground during daylight hours or while they are at school. If students do go to playgrounds after school hours, a parent or guardian is usually present which causes for less worries. Also, a child playing after hours at a playground is much like a child playing at a park, and parks have no restrictions placed on drivers.

If this law is put in use, children will remain safe and drivers will not be given huge fines for driving by a school at a late hour and going above 25 mph. This would be more convenient for many, while still ensuring safety.

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