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Dear MS/HS Parents & Community Members:

I hope your family is enjoying a great start to the school year. School safety continues to be a significant priority for our district. We continue to evaluate our processes and make necessary changes to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and visitors. After careful review and study, including Tonawanda Police and Transpo Bus Services, we are making changes to the student dropoff/pickup and busing areas at the MS/HS.


The current area used for student dropoff/pickup is dangerous. Many students are being dropped off or walking across the driveway and parking lot area in a manner that could create an injury accident. Cars are moving too quickly through this heavily congested area, passing other vehicles, creating lanes to immediately exit the lot, unaware of staff and student crossing from the parking lot, and other concerning driving situations.


In an effort to provide a more safe and managed student dropoff/pickup the following changes will be implemented beginning on **Monday, November 5, 2018:**


- ✓ Students will be dropped off and picked up in the loop on Fletcher Street
 - See **YELLOW** map area
 - This loop will be for students being immediately dropped off in the morning and prepared to exit the vehicle – there will be NO PARKING or STANDING in this area
 - This loop will NOT allow passing cars during morning drop off – All cars will enter and exit this loop in order
 - Entry will be from traffic westbound on Fletcher Street at Riverview Avenue and exit through the loop at School Street
 - It is expected that each car will enter the loop and pull ahead to the next available position and exit the passengers – **noting that you may not be dropping off your child at the position closest to the door** – all sidewalks conveniently lead to the entry door of our school
 - Vehicle speed in the loop is **ALWAYS 5 MPH**
 - It is not safe for students to be exiting vehicles on either side of Fletcher Street outside of this loop and protected area
 - ****In the afternoons, when picking up students from the furthest available position in the loop, we will allow for vehicles departing to enter the left lane and carefully move at 5 MPH to the loop exit**

- ✓ Only buses (and staff/student drivers that park during the school day) will be entering the parking lot at arrival and dismissal times
 - See **ORANGE** map area
 - The main parking lot will be ONLY for staff and students that are parking their vehicle
 - Buses will be the only vehicles in the area that loops to the east side of the parking lot
 - This will create safer crossing for people parking vehicles and our students using a bus

Thank you in advance for your support during the transition of these areas to safer conditions.


Michael Brown, High School Principal


David Sellan, Middle School Principal


Dr. Timothy Oldenburg, Superintendent

