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Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the start time for Duffy and MacKinnon needing to be the same for a variety of reasons, on delayed openings, the "Drop-off" zone can be overwhelmed. While many efforts have been implemented to ease this, such as East Central being striped and made "one way" during school hours, police being on site and all district administrators being assigned posts, the issue has not been resolved.

Most districts do not have their schools on the same site. Secondly, schools that do have multiple schools in the same location have individual parking lots/entrances for each building. Unfortunately, the layout of our campus results the negative aspect of both of these. While there are great benefits to our physical arrangement, this zone is not one of them. In consultation with the Chief of Police, the department will begin ticketing unsafe or noncompliant driving in the "Drop-off" zone.

Moving forward, we will be making another alteration to help ease this matter. On openings that are delayed due to inclement weather, we will have the parking area of the front lot barricaded during the morning drop off. All cars will enter the lot and proceed in front of MacKinnon and progress to the area by the small playground where the onsite crossing guard is. ALL students will be dropped off to an administrator, at this location, and the cars will exit directly from the lot. With this plan, no driver will get out of their vehicle and there will not be multiple lanes of traffic delayed by having to leave through the single exit to East Central Avenue.

The district will continue to work with the police department and town to help alleviate this congestions, but with less and less students walking to school, we will need your assistance in following the procedure and exercising patience.

Sincerely,



Christopher J. Herdman
Superintendent