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Re: Updated Afternoon Dismissal Car Rider Traffic Guidelines (DOES NOT APPLY TO MORNING DROP-OFF)

Dear W.C. Andrews Community,

In an effort to alleviate the traffic back-up on Moore Avenue at the end of the school day, we have been advised to adjust the procedure for vehicles entering the parking lot and waiting in the afternoons prior to dismissal time. These changes will help ensure that everyone is as safe as possible, and that we can continue to advance the flow of traffic in a safe and efficient way during dismissal.

The following changes will be EFFECTIVE BEGINNING MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019:

1. When taking a right turn to enter at the first (main) school entrance along Moore Avenue coming from Hwy 181/Portland, there will be two holding lanes in use for those in line to pick-up at the front of the building.
2. Just after passing the entrance to the Visitor Parking Lot in front of the school (at left), the two lanes will merge to only one lane for pick-up in the front of the school. Consequently, the Visitor Parking Lot will be blocked between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
3. After merging to one lane, vehicles will pull up to the front entrance for student pick-up at one of several cones placed along the front of the building (each cone identifies a 'pick-up station' with space for a single vehicle to temporarily idle/park).
4. We will continue to load students into vehicles from the outside, single lane ONLY.

**Campus staff will direct vehicles at the location where two lanes merge into one lane, and along the single pick-up lane.*

VISITOR PARKING after 2:00 p.m.: Please note that these changes will impact where parents/visitors will be able to park after 2:00 p.m., as the main Visitor Parking Lot will be blocked due to holding in the two lanes. Those who would like to park at the campus after this time will need to enter school property at the second entrance along Moore Avenue (coming from Hwy 181/Portland), and use the first employee parking lot available at the left side of the building. We encourage you to use only this area to avoid being blocked in by buses/other vehicles. **We will continue to have NO CHECK OUT AFTER 3:00 p.m.**

A diagram is attached to this letter (back side/second page), outlining these changes. **These changes will only apply to pick-up at afternoon dismissal beginning Monday, August 26, 2019, and will NOT AFFECT MORNING drop-off procedures.** Thank you for your patience and support as we work together to provide a system that is as safe as possible for our students. We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust as needed. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions at 361/777-4048.

Always at your service,

Julie Verstuyft, Principal

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