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Dear Parents:

Once again, I would like to request your help in solving the dangerous situations that are occurring during the morning drop-off and after school pickup of students. Many of the children are dropped off on 20th street and then they have to run across the street either in front of or behind the vehicle to get to the building. This is extremely dangerous for your child. The drivers coming from the west are faced with the bright morning sun blinding their vision or darkness in which they cannot see the children. In the morning, we would like to request you drive the few extra blocks to reach Ash Street and drop your child off in front of the school or come from the west on 20th Street and drop your child off in the bus-loading zone. If you are dropping off on Ash Street in front of the school, please do not double park and have your child run in between cars to reach the sidewalk. Many parents are double parking and are blocking the ability of other parents to exit. The second option for drop off is for you to let your child off on Fort Street and have him/her walk across the playground to the building.

In the afternoon, many of you are stopping in the middle of the street and waiting for your child to get in the car. This is so dangerous. The possibility of your vehicle being hit from behind is great; please pull up to the curb so your child can get in safely. Your child is to stand behind the yellow line until you come to a complete stop. I would also like to request that parents use the crossing guard or the crosswalks to cross the street. Not only will this keep our children safe, it will keep you safe, too.

I would also like to request that you **not** use the driveway entrance to the playground as a turn around spot or parking place while picking your children up from LINKS or at anytime during the day. Due to the number of cars parked along the side of the curb, your vision is easily blocked. This is a very busy street, so the chance of an accident occurring is high.

Being located on two One Way streets does make for picking up and dropping off students inconvenient, but it is of utmost importance that all of us begin taking a few extra moments to be sure we are keeping our children safe. Please take a few moments to discuss with your child traffic safety, the use of crosswalks and crossing guards, and then evaluate the manner in which you are dropping off or picking up your child and decide if it is the safest way possible for not only your child, but for everyone else's children.

I am always looking for ways to improve the traffic situation, if you have any ideas or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call me at 623-2500.

Thank you for your help in the matter.

Sincerely,
Elaine M. Rohleder
Principal