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Dear Parents:

I wanted to take some time to share with you some important information concerning Morning Drop-off and After School Pick-up. Being located on two One Way streets in the middle of a neighborhood, poses issues with drop off and pick up of students each day. With everyone working together and being patient, we can get through these times smoothly and safely. It is important that when you arrive at Lincoln, you follow the general traffic rules of parking only in the parking zones around the school. Please do not double park or block the crosswalks or parking lot driveway. And, as always, obey the stop signs and stop for pedestrians in all of the crosswalks. There are some dangerous situations that have occurred in the past that we continue to try to work on and with your cooperation, we can solve them.

Many of the children are dropped off on Ash or 20th Streets 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 the winter) 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. Remember, if the streets are icy, you may not be able to stop in time and that could result in either you hitting a child or another car. No matter where you are dropping off, please pull up to the curb to allow your child to get out of the vehicle safely. We ask that if you need to come into the building, that you park towards the very end of the parking area in front of school near 20th Street. Please do not leave your car parked directly in front of the school. This inhibits the flow of the drop-off traffic. After dropping off your child and ensuring that they are away from the vehicle, please carefully and slowly enter the traffic to leave the area.

In the afternoon, please do not stop in the middle of the street and wait 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 that is painted on the sidewalk 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. Do not cross in the middle of the street. Not only will this keep our children safe, it will keep you safe, as well.

I would also like to request that you **NOT** use the driveway entrance to the playground on 20th Street as a turnaround spot or parking place while picking your children up from LINKS or at any time 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 or hitting a child is high.

I have one more request. When you are waiting on Ash Street to drop off or pickup your student, please be careful not to block the driveways in the neighborhood. Just to the south of the house next to the Teacher Parking Lot is a driveway that leads to 3 houses that you cannot see from the road. The driveway looks like an alley between the 2 houses on Ash Street. I have received a few complaints that this driveway is being blocked and the residents cannot enter or exit. Please make sure when you arrive at Lincoln that you do not block this driveway. Please do not park in the Staff Parking Lot south of the school. Children are walking in that area and due to their size, are difficult to see.

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 way you are dropping off or picking up your child and decide if it is the safest way possible for not only your child, but all children.

I know fighting the traffic can be extremely frustrating, please remember to be kind to one another in your actions and words while you are at Lincoln.

Thank you for your help with the traffic situation issue.

Sincerely,
Elaine M. Rohleder
Principal