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Dear Parents and Community Members,

This is an update regarding student drop off and pick up at the elementary and middle school campus. As soon as possible we will start parallel parking the buses. Each bus will have an assigned number to their parking spot which should make loading and unloading students safer and simpler. I have been to the campus several times this year observing drop off and pick up. I am impressed with the staffs' efforts going up and down the street to insure their students get to their buses safely. This change should make things easier and safer for everyone. We are constantly trying to make this process better and this new plan is a cooperative effort from the police, fire and village maintenance departments. When we are ready to begin the process of parallel parking the buses we will be sure to give sufficient notice to everyone. This may mean that some employees will have to use the parking lot that was just laid at the East end of the island between the two buildings.

The village is in the process of hiring three crossing guards. Our school liaison officer will be present three days a week. The police, fire and village personnel will be available and on call as necessary.

Thank you again for your cooperation; as always any suggestions are welcomed.

Educationally yours,

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