

Dear WBMS Families and Staff,

A new traffic pattern for all vehicles and buses will go into effect on Monday, February 24, 2020. This plan will be in effect throughout the construction of our new school. We anticipate that once the rotary is completed by the fall, traffic should ease. We ask for your patience and understanding for the remainder of this school year, as we anticipate that people may be inconvenienced.

First, let me direct you to the enclosed diagram. The yellow "Construction Zone" area will encompass the "North" parking lot, so vehicles will no longer have access to that area. It will be fenced off, with a gate for construction equipment to move through. You will also notice the following:

- The "North" lane highlighted in orange on your map will be used for two-way construction traffic only. No other vehicles will be allowed on that lane.
- The "South" lane, highlighted in blue, will be widened to accommodate two-way traffic and a pedestrian lane. The pedestrian lane will be separated from vehicles and busses by a fence. All vehicle traffic (including busses) will travel on the South lane to get in and out of the school.
- All bus traffic will continue to drop off and pick up students in the "loop". This loop will remain an emergency access for police and fire vehicles as well. No other traffic will have access to the loop.
- All other vehicle traffic will come down the south lane and be directed into the South parking lot. The lot is being expanded to accommodate more vehicles and it will be relined to bring more order. Students can be dropped off and immediately access the sidewalk to get into the building safely.
- Vehicles will then exit the lot and go back onto the South lane to exit onto Park Street.
- All traffic exiting onto Park Street must make a "RIGHT TURN ONLY". This may be an inconvenience, but there are side streets that will lead you back in the direction you need to go. This change will both ease traffic congestion leaving the site between now and the end of this school year and mirrors the traffic flow pattern to occur once the traffic circle is complete at the beginning of the next school year.

We encourage families to assist us in minimizing vehicular traffic on site, including carpooling when possible.

We know adjusting to a new traffic pattern will be a learning curve for us all and intend to deploy additional staff to assist us all in getting used to this new pattern. We will also have police officers on hand as much as possible in the initial phase. Please make sure to follow the signs and allow additional time in your commute. At the other end of the process, I am confident we will have a beautiful new school that will make any temporary inconvenience well worth it.

Thank-you for your support!

Allison LeClair, Superintendent