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To the citizens involved in dropping off at the Nowata Elementary and Middle Schools in the mornings.

As a father and Grandfather children are my number one priority when it comes to safety. When I took office in 2013 one of my first priorities was to make the streets around the school safer.

The Nowata Police Department came up with a plan and presented it to the Nowata City Council which they approved. The plan consisted of making Osage St. and Simpson St. one way with all traffic headed East to West. After that the police department assisted with painting the streets and placing signs, all in an effort to make it safer for children.

Officer Billy Bright and I stand outside every morning in hot and freezing conditions because we care about our community and our children. This is done voluntarily. All we ask in return is for citizens to be safe and courteous. Please pull to the white line, place your vehicle in park until the children are safely out of the vehicle. Also please have your children ready to exit the vehicle on the passenger side. This makes for a safer and more efficient exit from the vehicle to the school.

Keeping in mind that all the streets around the school are city streets owned by the City of Nowata, I ask that the following procedures be followed.

If dropping children off at the elementary school come through the line on Simpson St. from the golf course. DO NOT STOP ON OSAGE AND LET YOUR CHILDREN OUT. This is an unsafe practice as school busses and vehicles are moving and can't always see small children.

Secondly, if dropping children off at the middle school pull up even with the middle school office doors and drop the children off. Please do not drop them off between the cross walks or anywhere else on Osage. Again, this is for your children's safety.

This letter is a request from the Nowata Police Department to the citizens of Nowata. We hope that this letter will remind drivers of the proper procedures when dropping off in the mornings.

Thank You for your cooperation in this matter,

Sincerely

Nowata Chief of Police

Mike McELhaney

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chief Mike McElhaney'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name 'Mike McELhaney'.