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Changes to the Drop-Off/ Pick-Up Loop

Did you know that when Horizon Elementary first opened in 2016, there were about 170 learners? There are now 100 more learners at Horizon, and we are seeing continued growth each year. With more learners comes more traffic before and after school. Keeping the safety of the learners in mind, important changes need to be made to the drop-off/pick-up loop.

New expectations during Horizon's peak traffic times, 7:45-8:15am, & 2:50-3:25pm are listed below. Full implementation of these changes will begin on November 26th.

- 1. Vehicles should NOT be left unattended in the NO PARKING area (marked red).** This causes congestion and hinders a convenient and smooth traffic flow. It also leads to double-parking, which causes students to move between cars.
- 2. Drop-Off/Pick-up Loop** will now be only 1 lane. Traffic cones will be placed in the road to close down the 2nd lane at 7:45am and 2:50pm. Those who are exiting vehicles to drop off or pick up at these times should use the parking lot, including EMBE families.
- 3. Drivers should pull all the way up to the front door when possible.** Learners can walk on the sidewalk to the playground.
- 4. Drop-offs taking longer than 30 seconds need to use the parking lot.** Horizon Staff uses the back two rows for parking, so the front two rows are open for parents to park and drop off students.
- 5. Remember the speed limit.** Everyone is busy and has places to go; however, the safety of your child and of all children at Horizon will always be the number one concern.
- 6. After school dismissal.** Please remember that all Horizon students are dismissed at one time after school. Morning drop-off has a longer window of 20-25 minutes. Therefore, please pay close attention to both crosswalks (there is a new one from the front door to the parking lot) and to the parking lot in general. Students will be walking through the parking lot to their vehicles. Parking in the crosswalks is not permitted.

