

Changes Are Coming to the Parent Train

Hello parents and guardians,

Due to recent safety issues and continued parent requests, we are changing how the parent train works. Starting on January 6 and weather permitting, the parent train will enter a cordoned-off zone that has only one outlet at the end. This prevents the need to pull out into traffic around other vehicles that are still dropping off or picking up students. In order for this to work efficiently, it is very important to keep the following in mind:

All parents and guardians:

- If you are not in the parent train, please use the crosswalk if you need to cross the street. Crossing three lanes of traffic (north bound, south bound, and parent train) outside of the crosswalk is not safe and can frustrate drivers who may be in a hurry to get where they're going.

Those in the parent train:

- Remain with your vehicle
- Drop off and pick up your children as efficiently as you can. If you can avoid leaving the drivers' seat to do so, that will speed things up.
- At drop-off, your children may leave the vehicle at any point along the yellow curb. If vehicles in front of you are unloading, feel free to unload as well. You do not need to wait to get to the head of the line. If you see the line is about to move, please wait to drop off your child until you get to the head of the line or until the vehicle in front of you begins to unload a student. This protocol may change once we see how efficiently the vehicles are moving through the line.
- At pick-up, the outlet will be behind the school buses like it is now, so you will not need to wait for the buses to load in order to leave the parent train. Once the buses move, we will extend the barrier to the end of the yellow curb.
- When you get to the outlet, be sure to look over your left shoulder for any traffic that never entered the parent train and may be overtaking your vehicle. Traffic in that lane should be light, but the cars will still be able to bypass the parent train as they head south along Cedar Street.

Please contact the office if you have any questions, and thank you for your cooperation in keeping each other and our students safe.