

An aerial photograph of a very crowded school pickup area. Numerous yellow school buses are parked in rows, with many people, including children and adults, standing around them. The scene is chaotic and packed, illustrating the need for safety protocols. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark blue rectangle containing white text.

# Union Ridge Elementary School

- Student safety during pick up and drop off

## Overview

- Welcome back to our new students, returning students, and family members!
- We hope that you had a great summer, and that you're ready to tackle the coming school year.
- This communication is to make you (parents and students) aware of recent changes that we've made to improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, most importantly, enhance student safety.
- Please take a moment to review this presentation, and don't hesitate to ask if you need clarification. We know that change often brings challenges, however, we're committed to keeping our students safe. Bear with us as we refine our process, and **please** keep our safety goals foremost in your mind—Thank You!

# Traffic Revisions

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We're anticipating that the City of Ridgefield will complete signage and striping work on 5<sup>th</sup> Street near the end of August to make it a one way traffic flow from Pioneer Street, travelling northbound to Simons Street.

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The traffic flow for parking and drop off has been changed to one way, access and movement through the area will be described in this presentation.



Entering Drop Off/Parking  
Area from 5<sup>th</sup> Street—this  
is now an **Entrance Only-**  
**no exit**





Note there is **no** direct parking lot access at this point. You must follow signage for drive through



Drop off uses right lane; parking or exiting uses left lane



When picking up or dropping off a student, please pull as far forward as possible to allow those behind you sufficient room to load/unload

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To enter the parking area  
follow the drive through  
signage to the end of the  
drop off area staying to  
the left hand side of the  
roadway

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Enter the parking lot  
via the left hand lane;  
traffic exiting the lot  
will be using the lane  
to your right indicated  
by the red arrow

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Proceeding through the lot, please be aware of directional arrows and  
other vehicles parking and/or exiting





Exiting the parking lot, stay to the left hand side of the roadway as indicated by the red arrow

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Exiting school property

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- There are two traffic lanes exiting the north end of the parking/drop off area.
- For the safety of our students, we are asking that parents don't use the s/b 5<sup>th</sup> Street lane during drop off and pick up times as cross traffic may impact the safe operation of sidewalks.
- We will be posting a reminder sign asking that you exit to the north (right hand turn)
- After exiting to the north, you may drive w/b on Division Street to leave the area