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Subject: Parking sign proposal

Gentlemen, good morning.

As I begin my 8th year as principal at Fine Arts, I find myself answering once again to parents dropping their children off for school and/or picking them up at the end of the day and being ticketed for violating parking restrictions on the school side of the street. I have appeared before the Traffic commission in years past and have found that this is a problem at other schools as well and one not resolved easily.

A disgruntled neighbor who was ticketed for parking illegally last year called the police numerous times reporting the parents who wait for their children. Of course, the parents--parking tickets in hand--look to me to solve their problem. It is further complicated because I am not provided a crossing guard (not enough walkers--I understand and agree completely) and parents are loath to have their kids crossing the street at dismissal in the afternoon. The traffic is fast and congested on DeKoven in the afternoon.

However, a parent came to me right at the end of the school year in June and made what I believe may be a reasonable compromise to this problem. I promised to make the proposal formally this fall, and wouldn't you know it? She didn't forget over the summer. So, would it be possible to have the City post signs on the school side of Center Street (NOT DeKoven or Franklin) that read, "Loading Zone: On school days, stopping permitted only between 9:00 a.m - 9:15 a.m, and between 4:00 p.m - 4:15 p.m.?" Buses never pick up nor drop off on Center Street.

Please advise me as to whom I should make this appeal. I will attend a future traffic commission meeting if that is necessary, but I'm hopeful we can reach a satisfactory resolution to this matter.

Thank you.

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