



**Alexander Middle School,
Njikuusra Community School &
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Clint Rogers, Principal - - Mike Kumm, Associate Principal

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Dear Parents:

Safety in and around our schools is always a high priority. Our parking lot is an area that we continue to focus on related to safety. By virtue of layout and design of the AMS parking lot, one should be able to easily conclude that without certain procedures in place, safety would be significantly compromised for pedestrians and motor vehicles, including busses.

In cooperation with Safe-Way Bus Company and the Nekoosa Police Department we have recently worked to develop a new procedure for pickup and dropoff of students. The new concept which I will describe herein is one that is reliant on your cooperation and collaboration in order for us to create what will take safety in our parking lot to a greater level than currently exists. The change forthcoming is based on the idea that if the interaction between pedestrians and motor vehicles is less, there should be a lower risk for accidents.

With the start of the 2016-2017 school year, all students riding a bus to and from school will be dropped off at the front, main doors of AMS. Please keep in mind that **only busses** will travel the full perimeter of the parking lot to reach this destination (designated with **B**). Therefore, busses are the only vehicles that should be in the loop from the center parking lot access road around to the front of the school. Driving, stopping, standing, or parking along any part of this "Busses Only" route is not permitted.

The biggest change will occur at dismissal time each day. The first area to be addressed is the East half (closest to Birch Street) of the AMS Parking lot. During the time period from 2:40-4:00 P.M. on school days, all vehicles entering the parking lot are asked to park in a designated parking stall and wait there for your child. Please do not allow your child to board your vehicle from any other place than a designated parking stall. Upon leaving the designated parking stall please exercise patience, good judgement, and safe habits as a way to assure safety for all pedestrians and other vehicles. Simply put, it will no longer be acceptable to pick-up your child from one of the traffic flow lanes (designated with >>) in the parking lot.

Another change will be associated with our students who walk or ride a bicycle to AMS. All students commuting to and from school on foot or bicycle may use the sidewalk that runs along the exit road of the parking lot or the sidewalk that runs diagonally from the southeast corner of the parking area to the parking lot entrance on Birch Street. Students coming from areas of town east of Birch Street are encouraged to transition to the West side of Birch Street at the 4-way intersection of Birch and Cedar Streets (designated with *). Despite marked crosswalks on Birch Street at the exit of the AMS parking lot, and at the entrance of the AMS parking lot (both designated with an X) , a safer street crossing exists as mentioned above where the intersection is completely controlled from all directions (*).

Sincerely,

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Michael G. Kumm

AMS Associate Principal

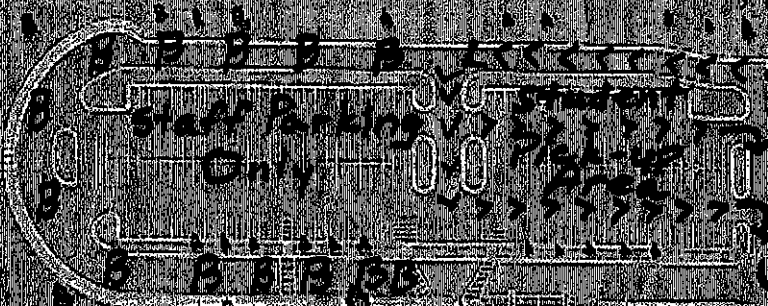
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