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We hope this communication finds you well and your family has enjoyed a memorable summer. As you are aware, approximately two years ago, Lake Street Elementary was sold to a local developer, M.E.I.D. Construction. This Oneida County-based company has since turned the former school building into a valuable asset in our community as senior housing. From the start of our partnership, M.E.I.D. Construction has been a strong community partner, graciously allowing the District to continue using grounds for parking and as a passthrough for traffic. The number of senior residents has grown, as the senior living project has taken shape and their property has transformed into fully renovated apartments. As such, in an effort to respect our senior neighbors, many of whom are the elders of our Bear Country community, the HS has restructured our traffic patterns for the morning arrival process.

Since passthrough traffic in their parking lot off Lake Street is not conducive to their residents, CHS parents/families will now pull up directly to the front of the HS from the Rt. 5 entrance. For the morning drop-off of students (between 7:10 - 7:30), parents will enter the front loop, pull along the front curb of the school, and exit the campus via the main entrance. School buses will pull into the back parking lot and unload near the main gymnasium entrance. Those students with driving privileges will continue to park in the back right parking lot as they have previously. Please find attached a color-coded map of the updated traffic patterns we ask people to follow during morning arrival. Red = parent route, green = student route, and yellow = bus route.

Upon entering the building, as we have done in the past, students will report to one of two supervised areas. Those eating breakfast will report to the cafeteria and all other students will report to the small gym. Students will be released from both locations at 7:21.

Please understand we may need to make adjustments as we identify related issues and/or traffic concerns. We will do our best to modify our processes to maximize the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and other visitors to the High School campus.

Be advised that our dismissal procedures have <u>not</u> changed as it relates to bus and parent pickup at the end of the day. Busses will continue to pick up students in the front of the building and parents can pick up at the bottom of the hill in the lower loop near Rt. 5 or at the bottom of the side-walk chute on Lake Street.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. As always, you can contact

the High School with any questions or concerns.

We wish you a relaxing Labor Day weekend and look forward to seeing students on Tuesday, September 3, for the first day of the 2024-2025 school year!

Take care,

The Chittenango High School Administrative Team

