



SCHOOL SAFETY: IMPROVING DROP OFF/PICKUP OF STUDENTS AND BUILDING SECURITY

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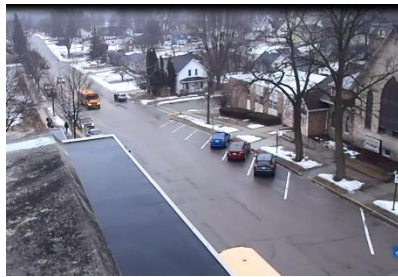
This week's topic is "School Safety: Improving Drop Off/Pick Up of Students and Building Security".

We hope you will contact us on any questions you may have.

Drop Off/Pick Up of Students:

Each morning parents drop off their children, students drive themselves or arrive by bus at the two sites of the Horicon School District. At the end of each day, these events are repeated (excepting students who are staying after school for sports or other activities). This process can cause crowded and congested traffic.

These traffic problems, due to our current vehicle access and parking limitations, cause daily concerns for both parents and staff.



At the Jr/Sr High School, buses and parents all compete for the same small access lane to the main entrance for students arriving to school and again in the evening for students departing from school. Parking lot size limitations do not allow for alternative bus patterns that would not conflict with traffic from parents or students.

Currently, Van Brunt's limited access to buses and the surrounding street pattern, which is unable to be modified, has buses and student drop off on the same two-lane street without the ability for other traffic to divert off that city street. In addition, weather concerns such as rain showers or icy landscapes, do not allow for students to use the playground in order to escape this vehicular traffic easily in the mornings.

For Van Brunt, this is another concern that caused the Citizen's Advisory Committee to recommend to the School Board that building a new elementary school at the current Jr/Sr High School site would provide options for student safety that the current older structure could not.



Creation of a One Campus Solution at the Jr/Sr High School site allows for a redesign of the parking and traffic access to the schools to alleviate these problems as well as upgrade the existing door and security camera systems to provide the level of safety needed in today's schools.

A secured, central entryway to the One Campus design as well as separate access and driveways/parking lots for buses and parent drop off allows for more secure and safe daily student arrival and departures.

The One Campus Solution will provide additional door security at all building entrances with expanded security camera coverage on areas within the interior common spaces as well as the surrounding exterior areas that currently do not exist.

