



September, 2017

Dear Parents,

We have been working with the City of Pleasanton to help with traffic circulation and to reduce unsafe traffic conditions associated with the drop-off/pick-up of students at **Hart Middle School**. Our joint efforts are part of the School Traffic Calming Program, a partnership between the City, School District and parents. This letter is to clarify the drop-off/pick-up procedures for vehicles and buses and to remind parents **not to use the parking lots of businesses surrounding the school.**

Wheels Bus – The red-curbed cut out located on Gibraltar Drive is for **buses only**. There is **NO** parking or waiting for students while in your vehicle on Gibraltar Drive.

Businesses Surrounding Hart – The City and school have received complaints from all the businesses surrounding the school regarding parents waiting, driving through and speeding in their parking lots when picking up students. This is private property, please do not park, drive through or encourage your students to cut through these parking lots for any reason.

Drop-off/Pick-up Procedures

All vehicles must enter at the south Willow Road entrance (West Las Positas side). Vehicles may enter this driveway from the northbound or southbound lanes. The stacking of northbound vehicles (coming from West Las Positas) in the through lane is not allowed. All vehicles that are not able to access the parking lot without stopping in the travel lane (because the entrance to the lot is full) will need to circle the block. Stopping on the street is prohibited and strictly enforced.

Once in the lot, a school volunteer will direct vehicles to drop-off loops (Area A or Area B on attached map). Autos entering from West Las Positas will move through and around drop-off Area A. Autos turning left into the parking lot will proceed to Area B. It is essential that you follow instructions of the volunteers. They are assisting in the drop-off and pick-up to reduce your delay and should be treated with courtesy.

When you reach the loading/unloading area, please pull forward as far as possible then load/unload. After everyone is safely in/out of the vehicle, carefully pull out of your spot into the left lane and proceed to exit at the north end of the parking lot. Please remember that, although your students are safely inside the school or in the vehicle, many other students are still walking around and cautious driving is needed.

At the exit you must make a right turn and proceed north. Left and U-turns are prohibited at the Willow and Gibraltar intersection. A right turn at Gibraltar will lead you to Hacienda where you can then access West Las Positas. You may also continue north on Willow Road to Inglewood Drive where you can make a left to get to Hopyard Road.

The School District and City of Pleasanton staff is working hard to minimize the delay at Hart Middle School while maintaining the safe environment for the children. The current congestion occurs for only a ten to fifteen minute period in the afternoon. If possible, arriving ten minutes after the final bell would not only minimize your delay; it would reduce the overall congestion at the school. However, please remember to pick up your child in a timely manner.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Leslie Heller'.

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