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Dear Gould Parents and Guardians,

The safety of our students is always of paramount concern. Therefore, it is imperative that our morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up procedures be strongly adhered to.

**Morning drop-offs** are to be in **front** of the **Gould Building (6<sup>th</sup> grade/specials building)** only. **No drop-offs** are to be made in front of the **Mountain building (building on corner of Gould and Mountain)**, as this area is specifically designated for our buses. We have students arriving at school as early as 8 am. Students should not be dropped off until staff supervision begins at **8:15 am**. No drop-offs should ever be made in the back of the Gould Building or on the other side of Gould Avenue. This includes students arriving early for chorus, band, or orchestra. After morning drop-off in front of the Gould building, please do not do a K-turn in the middle of the street as this clearly presents another safety concern.

Upon arrival, students should enter the main doors of the Mountain building. Due to the construction occurring with the courtyard, specific spots have been designated for the students to assemble by grade level. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will assemble behind the outside of the gym right after they walk through the main doors. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will walk up the path behind the Gould building, continue across the field and assemble by the blacktop area by the playground. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will follow the same route and assemble by the blacktop area where the basketball and box-ball courts are. All areas will be adequately supervised by staff. On inclement weather days students will continue to gather in the cafeteria.

**The afternoon car-line** moves from the street to the driveway **behind the Gould Building**. This allows us to load our children in a more controlled and safe environment. We ask that you approach the driveway on the school side of Gould Avenue and turn right into the driveway. There will be no left turns into the driveway. If you need to turn around, we ask that you do so in the municipal parking lot. Once in the driveway, please stay in line and look for direction from the staff on duty.

The Police have expressed a very serious safety concern regarding drop-off and pick-up on **Knollwood Avenue**. Cars are lining both sides off the street forcing students to walk and run in the middle of the street to cross to either get to the crossing guard or find their cars in the afternoon. With cars coming in both directions, the potential for a serious accident to occur is magnified.

**Do not park in the area designated for the car-line to pick up your children who are walking. This not only confuses the parents who are actually following procedures but presents another safety issue as cars are now navigating around parked cars to try to get back in the car line. The police have informed me that if you park before the firehouse on Gould Avenue to pick up a walker, you will be issued a summons because you are in a “no stopping” zone. Additionally, the driveway for the police department and the firehouse should never be blocked at any-time.**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation as we cannot emphasize enough the importance of following these procedures.

Sincerely,

Chris Checchetto