

## A message from DHMS, Eagan HS, and the Eagan Police Dept.

Together we can make an impact on traffic safety at Eagan High School and Dakota Hills Middle School. Below are a few simple driving reminders that will help protect you and others on the roadways.

- **Don't Drive Distracted.** Distracted driving is not just using your cell phone. It's anything that divides your attention from driving, this could be using the radio, eating and drinking, or even talking to passengers. Remember, driving requires 100 percent of an operator's attention!
- **Pedestrians are EVERYWHERE.** Pedestrians have the right of way in a crosswalk. Pedestrians walk from over a mile away to the school and often use side streets, not just Braddock. If a pedestrian is in a crosswalk or in an intersection, drivers must stop until the intersection/crosswalk is unoccupied.
- **Drive the speed limit.** We've heard this a thousand times, but it's important. Increased speed=increased chance of crash.
- **Stop at STOP signs.** Look for crossing traffic and pedestrians.
- **Watch for backups.** At peak times in the mornings and afternoon, you may find traffic backups near the school. Anticipate traffic could stop quickly and be prepared to stop.
- **No illegal U-Turns.** Cars cannot make a U-turn in a roadway unless at an intersection (Ordinance 8.03). No using resident's driveways for U-Turns - we are seeing this especially on Braddock Trail south of Diffley Road.
- **Plan accordingly.** Reduce your time in traffic by leaving a few minutes early and beat the rush.
- **Quick drop offs.** Rather than dropping students at the front door, let them out as soon as you're in the drop off zone and stopped in line. They can walk to the doors, and you can move from the area sooner.
- **Use east lot drop off.** DHMS parents, this is for you. Instead of waiting in line to drop off at the front door, use the EHS east side lot to drop off your child near the EHS stadium. DHMS student then walk to the north side cafeteria doors of DHMS for entry. This is a safe and convenient way for you to drop off or pick up your child.

### Quick Facts:

- EHS and DHMS serve 3,500-plus students
- EHS and DHMS serve a population that involves a large amount of private car traffic
- A large number of residents who live close to school do not get bus service: this means they walk, ride a bike, or are dropped off at school
- EHS and DHMS involve two separate morning and afternoon bus runs (four each day, total)
- For transport, the EHS-DHMS site involves stop lights, stop signs, cross walks, sidewalks, and bicycling lanes.

Lastly, Eagan Police Officers would rather not issue tickets! Our goal is to promote safe driving habits and reduce traffic crashes. Please do your part, and remember officers will be near the school periodically throughout the school year.

Be safe!