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Dear Haldane Families:

We are just a few days into our Traffic Pilot and are already seeing significant improvements in the drop-off and pick-up procedures on campus. The primary goal of this pilot is to enhance campus safety by separating buses, cars, and pedestrians. Early indicators suggest significant progress in these areas:

- **Bus Operations:** Utilizing the traffic circle for bus drop-off and pick-up is proving to work very well, successfully isolating these large vehicles from primary car and pedestrian routes.
- **Campus Flow:** Vehicle movement on campus is smooth and efficient.
- **Elementary Dismissal:** Staff are reporting that they are able to connect students with parents/guardians safely and efficiently now that bus riders are dismissed on a separate path.

Thank you to those who submitted feedback and observations; we will continue to collect your input [here](#).

The comments received to date focus on students who walk to campus:

Pedestrian Safety & Crossing Guards

While we are fortunate to have two crossing guards employed by the Village of Cold Spring, several community members expressed the desire for increased crossing support at areas such as Mountain Avenue and Cedar Street. We will continue to collaborate with the Village to improve pedestrian safety, and are exploring options such as additional crossing guards, painted crosswalks, and flashing crosswalk signs. This process will require time to seek Village funding and NYS Department of Transportation approvals.

Immediate Adjustments

Based on our observations and community feedback, the following adjustments are being made now:

- **Bus Staging:** Buses that stop on the shoulder of Route 301 will not park beyond Locust Ridge in order to preserve the sight line for cars exiting Parsonage Street.
- **Crutches Protocol:** Students using crutches may be dropped off in the Bell Lot (ES/MS) or behind the high school (HS).
- **Accessibility:** Handicap parking spaces are available in the Bell Lot; license plates or hang tags are sufficient for entering Craigsides Drive to access these spaces.

We ask that you please continue with these traffic patterns so that we can thoroughly assess all areas. Thank you for your ongoing support and patience - and we greatly enjoy seeing all of the family dogs who ride along for morning drop off!

Sincerely,
Gail Duffy, EdD
Superintendent of Schools