



ANGLOPHONE SOUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Andrew Sabin
On behalf of Seaside Park Elementary PSSC
627 Havelock Street
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Dear Mr. Sabin and PSSC Members:

Thank you for your letter dated March 10, 2021 outlining concerns about the drop off area and your support for the DEC's discussion and inquiry about the cost of transporting students living 750 m – 1.5km from a school. This data was presented to DEC at the February 2021 public meeting. It was received as information with no plans for changes given the cost. We will continue to transport students living beyond 1.5 km.

ASD-S has the following recommendations after physically reviewing the drop off lane and discussion with the Principal:

- 1) Move staff parking spots from the inside to the outside of the drop off lane, that will allow parents to let their children off closer to the walkway and therefore they should not have to get out of their vehicles to walk their child to the walkway
- 2) Have 5 dedicated "stop and drop" stops at the end of the drop off lane, clearly marked as such with a staff member there to keep the parents moving in and out of the spots
- 3) The staff member located near the 5 stop and drop spots will also be there to wave cars up to the site to keep the cars from being bottle necked by the main door
- 4) Staff member at the main door would also wave the cars to the spots up at the end to keep the traffic moving
- 5) Staff will park along the outside lane of the drop off lane first before filling up the parking lot, so that parents cannot use the outside lane to pass other cars dropping their children off
- 6) Reverse signage at exit of parking area to ENTRANCE to allow staff to enter the parking area directly without having them mix with parent vehicles coming into the drop off lane, this will also save a staff member from policing parents from trying to enter the parking area to drop of their children
- 7) New lines will be painted in the drop off lane for parking spaces and for the parent drop off spots
- 8) New signage for "No Stopping/Parking" as required
- 9) Education for parents/staff – parents to stay in their car in the drop off lanes, follow directions from staff on site supervising, for staff – fill up the parking spots in the drop off lane first, also reminder of new entrance/exit signs for parking lot
- 10) Warmer weather will be required before these steps can be implemented (i.e. painting, signs)

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Many families did volunteer to drive their children to school this year given the reduced number of students permitted on the bus due to the pandemic. We are hopeful that we can return to regular capacity next year, as we know this has meant increased traffic around schools.

Thank you for your on-going support of Seaside Park Elementary School.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Zoë Watson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Zoë Watson
Superintendent

Copy: District Education Council, ASD-S
John MacDonald, Director of Finance & Administration
Michelle Deschenes, Principal, Seaside Park School
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