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Parents:

I am writing this letter in hope of increasing safety for both you and your children during the school drop off and pick up times at Valley Rd. School. As you can see, the Township and the Police Department have worked together to add striping and signage to no parking areas around the school in hopes of improving site lines for drivers and pedestrians and thus enhancing pedestrian safety. Furthermore, we are looking to add additional speed limit signs and LED illuminated speed limit signs to the area in hopes of slowing the traffic down.

With your help, we can make the beginning and end to each school day a safer and less stressful experience. Please review the following recommendations and speak with your children about the appropriate items.

1. Obey all marked, "No Parking" areas.
2. Please do not park within 50 feet of any of the stop signs on the side streets adjacent to Valley Rd. (Fulton, Cook, Nassau, Liberty, Clauss, Blake, Schmidt). Parking near the corner creates a hazard for persons crossing the street, pedestrians entering and exiting vehicles and vehicles turning onto those streets.
3. Please do not park within 25 feet of any corner within an intersection.
4. Please do not block driveways when parking.
5. Please cross the street at the school crosswalk located at Liberty St, where a crossing guard is on duty. I realize that this may not be the most convenient location for those who park further down Valley Rd., but this is the safest location. I have seen many people jay walking because it is a shorter walk to their cars. However, this is an unsafe practice.
6. Please follow the directions of the crossing guards. I have personally observed parents disregard the directions of the guards and walk into the roadway when traffic was flowing. Remember, not following the directions of a crossing guard is the same as not following the directions of a police officer directing traffic.
7. At all times, please model proper pedestrian safety for your children.

Over the next several weeks, both the Traffic Bureau and Patrol Division will be out at the school periodically monitoring both the drop off and pick up. Thank you in advance for your help in addressing this matter.

Sincerely,

Det. Sgt. Christian Lott #229