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To: Chief Stephen Rizco

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Re: Irving School Traffic

Date: November 13, 2018

On September 6, Irving School opened for the first day of the 2018 school year. On this date the new drop off and pick up line was implemented. This included a new route for parents to follow when arriving to drop off and to pick up their children.

The new route consists of vehicles entering Meriland Avenue, southbound, from Raritan Avenue. Once on Meriland Avenue, vehicles would then proceed to the stop sign at Meriland Avenue and Central Avenue. Vehicles would then make a right hand turn onto Central Avenue and proceed to the stop sign at Central Avenue and So. 11th Avenue. Upon reaching the stop sign at Central Avenue and So. 11th Avenue, vehicles could then make a left hand turn onto So. 11th Avenue and proceed into the drop off / pick up line alongside the school.

As part of this new rerouting procedure, Central Avenue, between So. 10th Avenue and So.11th Avenue has been restricted to a One Way street, westbound. Vehicles are not allowed to enter Central Avenue from So. 10th Avenue. Vehicles are only allowed to travel west on Central Avenue from So. 11th Avenue and exit onto So. 10th Avenue. Vehicles traveling south bound on So. 11th Avenue from Raritan Avenue, are no longer permitted to travel past Central Avenue. When these vehicles reach Central Avenue, they are only permitted to make a westbound turn onto Central Avenue.

Since traffic has been rerouted this way, it has made the crossing much safer for the crossing guard, children and pedestrians. The crossing guard is no longer dealing with three avenues of traffic coming at her at once as it was previously done.

During the first few days of school as with most opening days, the traffic was backed up which was mostly due to the school staff bringing the children out after school for pickup . However this only lasted a few days which allowed the school staff time to adjust to these new procedures .However after just a few short days the staff has done a remarkable job in bringing the children out to their waiting parents in a very short amount of time.

Since this new procedure has been implemented, I have been in the area daily monitoring traffic, passing out copies of the new route to parents, speaking to parents about the new route and handing out literature regarding vehicles idling as per the State of New Jersey Motor Vehicle Laws.

New signs have been posted in the area which include : A Do Not Enter sign being placed on the corner of So.10th Avenue and Central Avenue , eliminating east bound traffic onto Central Avenue. On the corner of So.11th Avenue and Central Avenue, a Right Turn Only No Thru Traffic sign has been mounted to the barricade in the roadway which is directing traffic west onto Central Avenue.

On the north side of Central Avenue, between Meriland Avenue and So. 11th Avenue, No Parking Signs have been installed indicating No Parking 7:45 am until 8:45 am and 2:30 pm until 3:30 pm.

On Meriland Avenue, No Parking signs have been installed on the east side of the road restricting traffic from parking on the eastside of the road from 7:45 am until 8:45 am and from 2:30 pm until 3:30 pm

On Meriland Avenue, on the west side of the roadway signs have been posted regarding vehicles not blocking driveways and vehicles idling. Also, in front of the driveways on Meriland Avenue and the rear of 1104 Central Avenue where their driveway is located yellow lines have been installed alerting motorists to the driveways on this side of Meriland Avenue.

At this time I am requesting that the Boro of Highland Park approve Central Avenue as a One Way street from So. 11th Avenue, to So. 10th Avenue, west bound, under local ordinance # 7-5.

At the intersection of So. 11th Avenue, south bound, and Central Avenue approval to install a sign under local ordinance # 7-10.4, Right Turn Only from 7am until 4 pm.

No Parking signs to be installed on Central Avenue, on the north side of the roadway between Meriland Avenue and So. 11th Avenue. Signs to read No Parking from 7:45 am until 8:45 am and from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Signs are to be covered by local ordinance # 7-3.10.

To date the traffic situation has improved with no complaints from any of the residents as we have had in the past. However there are a few parents, who for some reason still cannot follow instructions and still do as they please, with this being dealt with per incident.

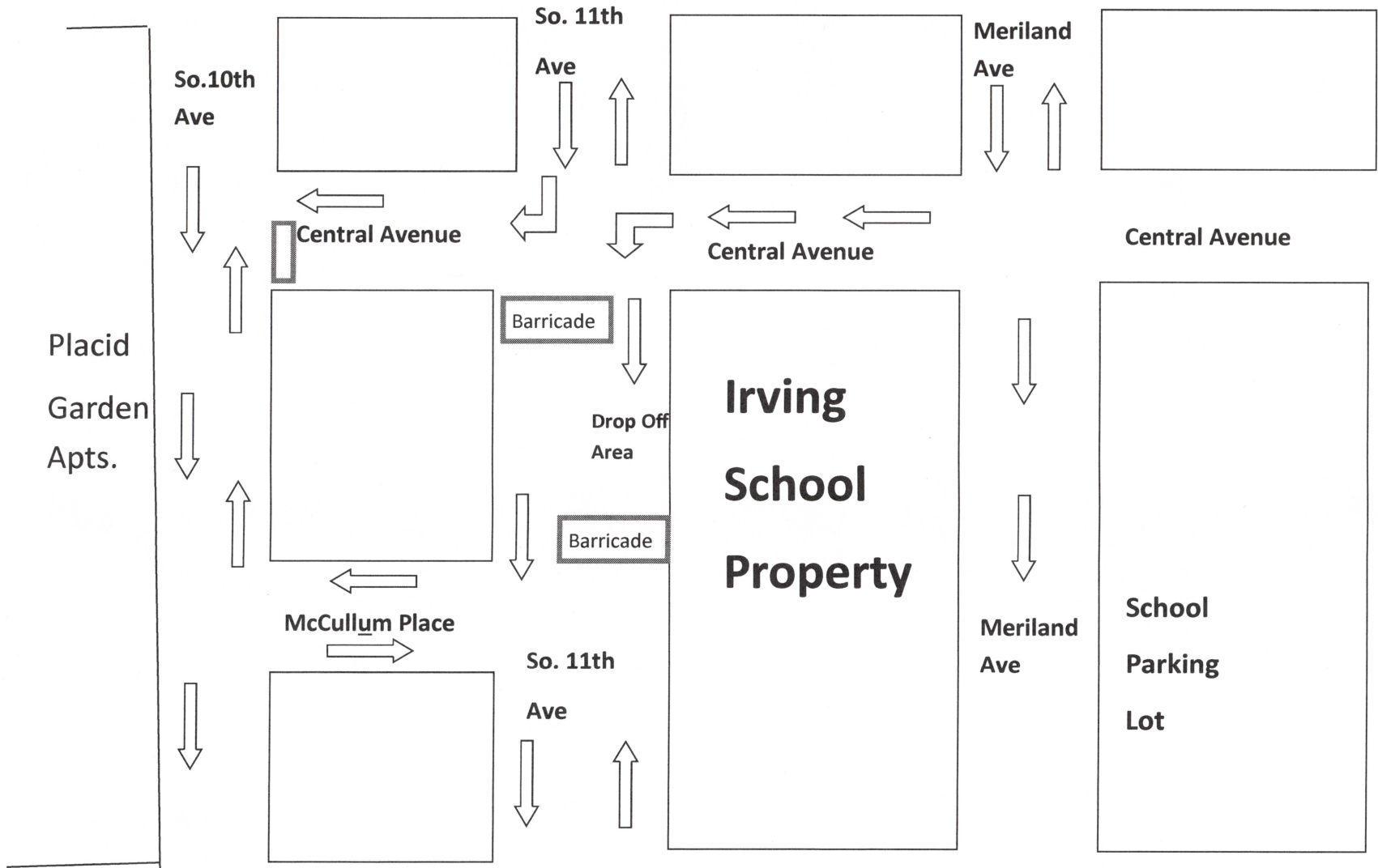
At this time I am requesting the Boro of Highland Park proceed with approving these changes that have been listed .

Thank you,

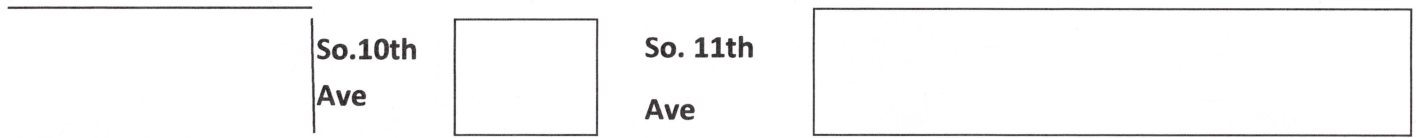
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Raritan Avenue RT.27



Woodbridge Avenue Rt.514





NJ Idling Regulations



N.J.A.C. 7:27-14 & 15
N.J.S.A. 39:3-70-2
(Revised 2016)

NO - do NOT idle:

- For more than three minutes under most circumstances
- [DIESEL] For more than 15 consecutive minutes when the vehicle has been stopped for 3 or more hours and ONLY if temperature is <25 deg. F
- A bus, for more than 15 consecutive minutes in a 60 minute period while actively discharging or picking up passengers
- In a parking space with electrification technology

YES - you MAY idle:

- If you are stopped in traffic
- If your engine provides power for mechanical operations such as: refrigeration units for perishable goods, hydraulic lifts, "cherry pickers", or similar equipment
- If you are waiting to be examined by state or federal motor vehicle inspectors
- If your vehicle is being repaired, and the engine must be running to effect the repair

- While **actively** performing emergency services: fire, police, snow removal, and utility vehicles
- When the driver is resting or sleeping in the sleeper berth **in a non-residential area** IF the vehicle has a 2007 or newer engine, OR has been retrofitted with a diesel particulate filter

DO:

- Use an APU for cabin comfort, as long as the main engine is shut off
- Plug in if you have an AC/DC converter or "shorepower"

DON'T:

- Idle during meals or breaks
- Idle while waiting to get into, or while on the work site
- Idle at the loading dock or during delivery stops
- Allow idling to occur at your facility
- Waste fuel by idling excessively or unnecessarily
- Create unnecessary air pollution

PENALTIES: Commercial vehicle and property owners:
\$250 - 1st violation; \$500 - 2nd; \$1000 - 3rd



Questions?
Bureau of Mobile Sources
609-292-7953
Diesel Enforcement
609-292-6429

REPORT EXCESS IDLING
877-927-6337 877-WARNDEP



Did You Know...

- Only 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel than turning the engine on and off.
- Vehicles that idle 10 minutes per day waste more than 29 gallons of fuel each year.
- An idling vehicle emits 20 times more pollution than one traveling at 30 miles per hour.

To report idling violations, call your local police department or
1-877-WARN DEP (927-6337)





This is not an actual ticket, but a friendly reminder that idling longer than three minutes is against the law. For more information, please check out our website at www.StopTheSoot.org

Stop Pollution Save Money Save Lives

When you turn your engine off, you:

New Jersey has a three-minute idling law

Idling Stinks, and it's Against the Law!

IDLING INFRACTION

Help Keep New Jersey Clean!



IDLING INFRACTION

Idling Stinks!

Date / Time of Infraction

Location of Infraction

License Plate #