**Harriet Tubman Public School**

**Parking & Bussing Traffic Bulletin**

At Harriet Tubman Public School, Student, Parent and Staff Safety is our first priority! In light of this, it is timely that we consider our parking, bus and student drop-off guidelines.

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### Welcome!

We all know how rushed it can be in the mornings and afternoons trying to get the kids to and from school. We know that:

- ✓ our children are precious and therefore **their safety is paramount**;
- ✓ parking can often be difficult, especially when you are rushed, or at peak pick up and drop off time; and
- ✓ the vast majority of parents do the right thing, however a growing numbers of these parents have expressed significant concern about road safety at our school.

This bulletin is designed to outline some of the **Do’s and Don’ts** and give you some tips and information, including a traffic flow plan to assist make everyone’s journey safer.

The aim is to keep our children safe and to ensure consideration is given to everyone in our community.

An unsafe journey to school is something no one wants for our children. The lifelong guilt of injuring a child by accident is also a burden we do not wish for anyone.

**Ideas for a smooth drop off and pick up…**

**Less traffic equals less chance of an accident!**
Wherever possible, walk or ride your bike to and from school, or park your car a couple of blocks away or at **Russell Avenue Community Centre Parking Lot** and walk the few short steps to school. You can use that walking time to touch base with your kids at the start or the end of the day.

**Leave a little earlier**
Classrooms are open from 8.40am. Make it a habit to leave a little earlier to drop your children off – there will be less traffic and you will be less rushed, reducing any risk or temptation of going over the school zone speed limit.

**Pick up a little later**
If you have older children, tell them that you will arrive 5-10 minutes after the 3.00 pm bell. Have them wait at the fence or designate a meeting spot. This will give them a chance to unwind and will slow down the home time rush.

**Please send in any smooth pick up or drop off tips to the front office!**

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### Bus Loading Zone!

When the Bus Loading Zone is used as it is intended, it significantly increases the safety for our students as they arrive for school and depart for the day. The Bus Loading Zone only works safely and effectively if the following rules are followed.

**No parking** in this Zone, this a no-standing or parking zone. If you can’t spot your child or have a place to legally park, go around the block. The North side of Pleasant Ave and **BOTH** sides of George Street are No Parking Zones!

**Please do not park in these zones, it is very difficult for our buses to get in and out of the Bus Loading Zone.**
When vehicles are stopped waiting, the zone ends up becoming blocked, making it unsafe. You also risk being fined for parking and or standing in this zone.

**PLEASE do not pick up your children by parking beside or between the buses!** This is incredibly dangerous and highly illegal!
Advise your child to wait by the fence or designate a spot where you can pick them up that is safe from traffic. That way:

- ✓ children are waiting safely away from the road;
- ✓ parents can see clearly who is ready to be picked up;
- ✓ children’s view of who is coming isn’t obstructed; and
- ✓ everyone will be safe.

**Do not access the rear of your vehicle**
Where possible in any school parking situation, children should put school bags into the front of the vehicle from the curb, not into the rear or road side of the vehicle.

**Did you know?**

**Reversing can be very dangerous.**
Please **DO NOT**

- ✓ drive or reverse across footpaths to park on grassed areas;
- ✓ use residents’ driveways to reverse out and turn around; and
- ✓ park on residents’ driveways, lawns and verges, as it is dangerous and very discourteous to residents and can damage their property.
Harriet Tubman Public School
Traffic Flow & Parking Map

DURING DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES, PLEASE REMEMBER THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN IS THE MAIN PRIORITY.

PLEASE REMEMBER:
✓ Children should leave and enter vehicles from the curb side, not the road side of the vehicle.
✓ DO NOT LEAVE your cars unattended in the No Parking Zones around the school area. Please set up a safe meeting place for older children OR park at the Russell Avenue Community Centre in the park adjacent to the school. There is no traffic here and is a nice place to bond with your children at the end of the day!
✓ DO NOT pick up or drop off in the Bus Loading Zone. This is highly unsafe and illegal.
✓ We have an alternate entrance to the school off Dufferin Street.
✓ NO PARKING on residences front lawns or driveways.
✓ Avoid U turns or turning using driveways. REVERSING IS DANGEROUS.
✓ Where possible, children should put school bags into the front of the vehicle from the path, not into the rear or road side of the vehicle.