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To: Parents/Guardians & Student Drivers
From: Mr. J. Fisher, Principal
Date: August 31, 2020

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Re: NTHS Traffic Patterns, Student Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Our daily morning traffic experience at NTHS should be less stressful while operating under our hybrid reopening plan. Even so, as many students and all of our faculty and staff report to school, the campus roadways, parking lots and adjacent public streets will remain busy, particularly during the morning rush. The purpose of this communication is to share our expectations for traffic patterns associated with student drop-off and pick-up. We offer this detailed communication to clarify what I and our NTHS Safety Team believe are best practices that will lend themselves to a safe, efficient, and considerate experience for all who drive onto campus each school day.

The vast majority of our students are driven to school (or drive themselves), particularly during the colder winter months. The amount of traffic coming onto the campus between 7:30 and 7:45 AM is understandably very heavy. A large percentage of our faculty and staff are also arriving at this time, adding to the traffic volume. **Students must plan to arrive earlier than in the past as each will now need to have their temperature scanned prior to being admitted to the building. This will require more time. Please adjust your morning routine accordingly to ensure that you are seated in your homeroom at 7:50 AM.**

A site map is attached to this letter to help everyone clearly understand the intended traffic flow and safe student drop-off / pick-up options. Three locations are available for safe student drop-off / pick-up. Students arriving at these three locations may use the Main Entrance (door #1) or the West Wing Entrance (door #2) to enter the school daily.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up Loop #1

Located at the front of the high school and closest to the Main Entrance, this loop will have the greatest volume of traffic. The loop is designed for traffic to enter, pull to the right, stop briefly as soon as possible, and allow students to unload safely from the passenger side of the vehicle directly onto the sidewalk. Please drive ahead into the loop as far as possible before stopping and unloading, but do unload quickly as soon as you come to a safe stop. Students should unload using the full length of the loop (reference the ★s on the site map). This will help to maximize the number of vehicles that can efficiently cycle through the loop. Please unload as soon as possible. Do not have students wait in your vehicle while slowly creeping up to the Main Entrance before unloading.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up Loop #2

Located between NTHS and the Middle School, this loop can also be used but does require students to walk a short distance to enter at the Main Entrance. This loop should be navigated using the same procedures described above for loop #1. Please consider regular daily use of this loop as an option as it can help to decrease heavier traffic in any one drop-off / pick-up location. The brief walk can provide students some beneficial physical exercise before they start their day!

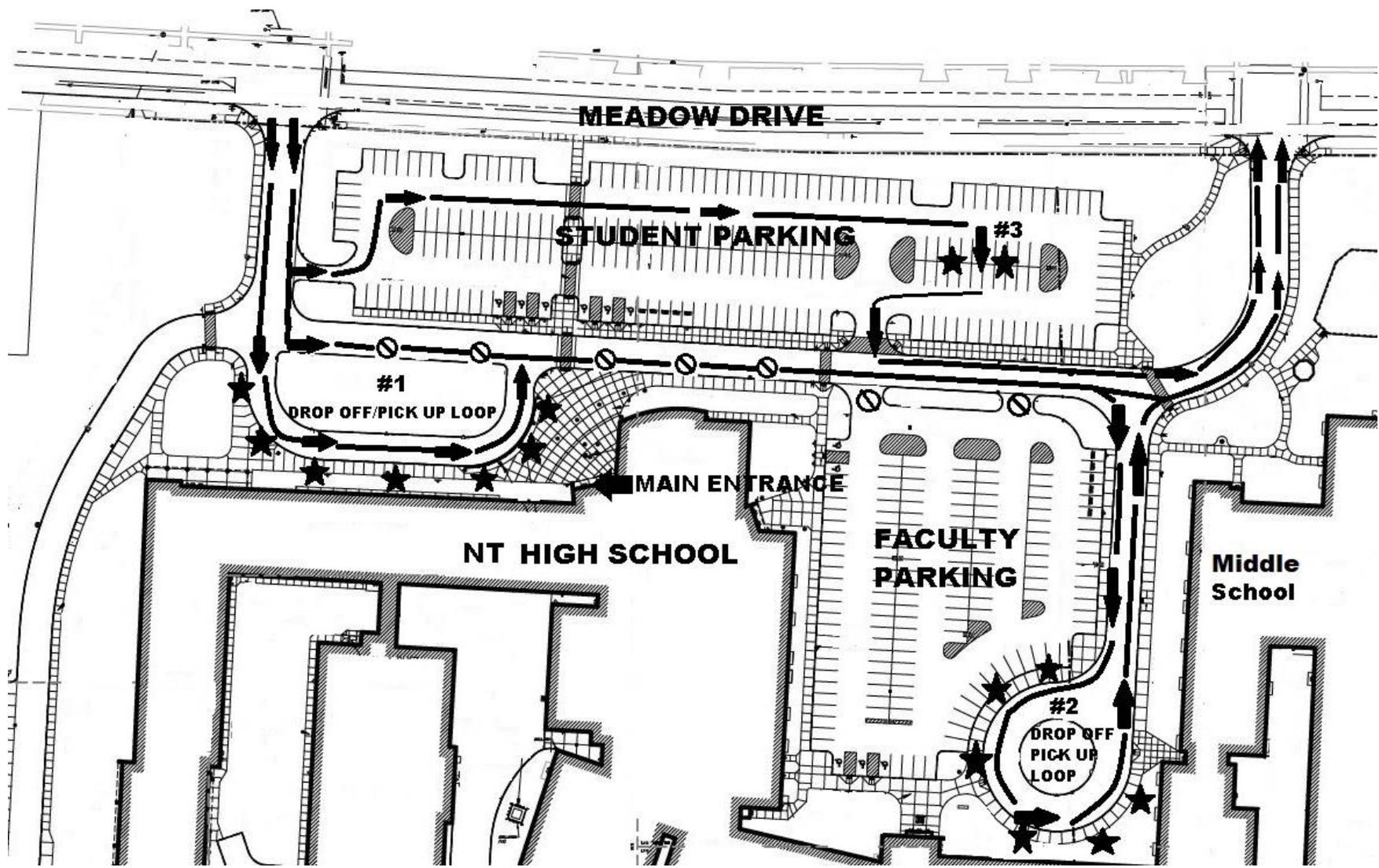
Drop-Off/Pick-Up Option #3

The east end of the Student Parking Lot in the front of the Meadow Campus generally sees very light use on a daily basis. This area is also an option for parking, temporarily, to drop off and pick up students. As always when maneuvering in a parking area, proceed with great caution and give right of way to student pedestrians. All students moving toward the Main Entrance from the Student Parking Lot are advised to use one of the two crosswalks. Please consider regular daily use of this option as it can help to decrease heavier traffic in any one drop-off / pick-up location.

The roadway between Drop-Off/Pick-Up Loop #1 and the Student Parking lot is a no stopping, no standing, no drop-off, no pick-up zone. Please reference the  symbols on the site map. These areas have appropriate signage to that effect. The rationale for no drop-off/pick-up in this roadway is two-fold. First, stopping in this roadway slows the efficient flow of through-traffic on their way toward both the Faculty Parking Lot and Drop-Off/Pick-Up Loop #2 and further delays flow of traffic out of Drop-Off/Pick-Up Loop #1 (particularly when discourteous drivers stop directly in front of the Main Entrance or Library Media Center). Second, no sidewalk exists at the right side of this roadway on the median between the roadway and Loop #1. Unloading students in this area puts them in an unsafe situation where they must cross traffic Loop #1, where no crosswalk exists, to make their way to the Main Entrance.

Thank you for your anticipated patience, cooperation, and consideration of other drivers as we work together to make the morning arrival and afternoon departure experience as safe and efficient as possible for all who come to learn and work at NTHS.

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MEADOW DRIVE

STUDENT PARKING

#3

**#1
DROP OFF/PICK UP LOOP**

MAIN ENTRANCE

NT HIGH SCHOOL

**FACULTY
PARKING**

**Middle
School**

**#2
DROP OFF
PICK UP
LOOP**