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Re: Parking at Municipal Hall

In follow up to our discussion Wednesday, February 3, 2016 we request that GESS share the following reminder with faculty/staff, students and parents regarding parking at Municipal Hall:

Please note that parking at Municipal Hall is limited and we ask that you respect the short term parking arrangements in this lot for individuals doing business at Municipal Hall, visiting the Library, or staff working at Municipal Hall.

Faculty/staff, students and visitors of GESS can be easily accommodated within the parking lot at the high school, so there should be no need for individuals to park all day across the street at Municipal Hall. Drivers picking up students after school should also be using the high school parking lot rather than Municipal Hall as the large volume of cars parking and idling in the lot from 3:00pm to 3:25pm significantly reduces the available parking for customers of the District and Library.

In the interest of public safety, it would also be valuable to remind students to use the marked cross walks at the north end of the school property (by the golf course access road) and at the roundabout at Bottom Wood Lake Rd and Berry Rd. We are concerned for the safety of students being dropped off on the west side of Bottom Wood Lake Road and jay walking in front of Municipal Hall to get to school. Drivers dropping off students are requested not to stop in the driveway access to Municipal Hall as it blocks staff and visitors from turning off Bottom Wood Lake Road into the Municipal Hall parking lot.

Thank you for your attention to these reminders as we work together in the interest of public safety.

Regards,

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Deputy Fire Chief