



To: Chairperson and Transportation and Safety Committee

From: Frank Kalisik, Civil Engineer *FK*

Through: Carl S. Goldsmith, Director of Public Works *CG by DR*

Date: April 27, 2010

Subject: Establishing No Parking Zones and Expanding Times for Existing One-Way Traffic on Streets Surrounding Westmore School

Several months ago, Village Public Works and Police Department staff met with Mr. Dominic Sepich, Principal, of Westmore School. At that time, Mr. Sepich stated his concern for the safety of the students, specifically about the lack of safety being displayed by the motoring public during the morning arrival and afternoon departure of the students at his school. Mr. Sepich requested assistance from the Village to assess and recommend options to improve the safety of the students.

After making observations, interviewing the crossing guard at the intersection of Washington Boulevard and Ahrens Avenue, and discussing parking issues with Mr. Sepich, staff recommended the following actions to immediately alleviate some concern. These recommendations were to a) separate drop-off and pick-up locations of the student bus riders and walkers from the driving public; and b) establish a committee of parents and concerned citizens to develop and promote an organized drop-off and pick-up strategy.

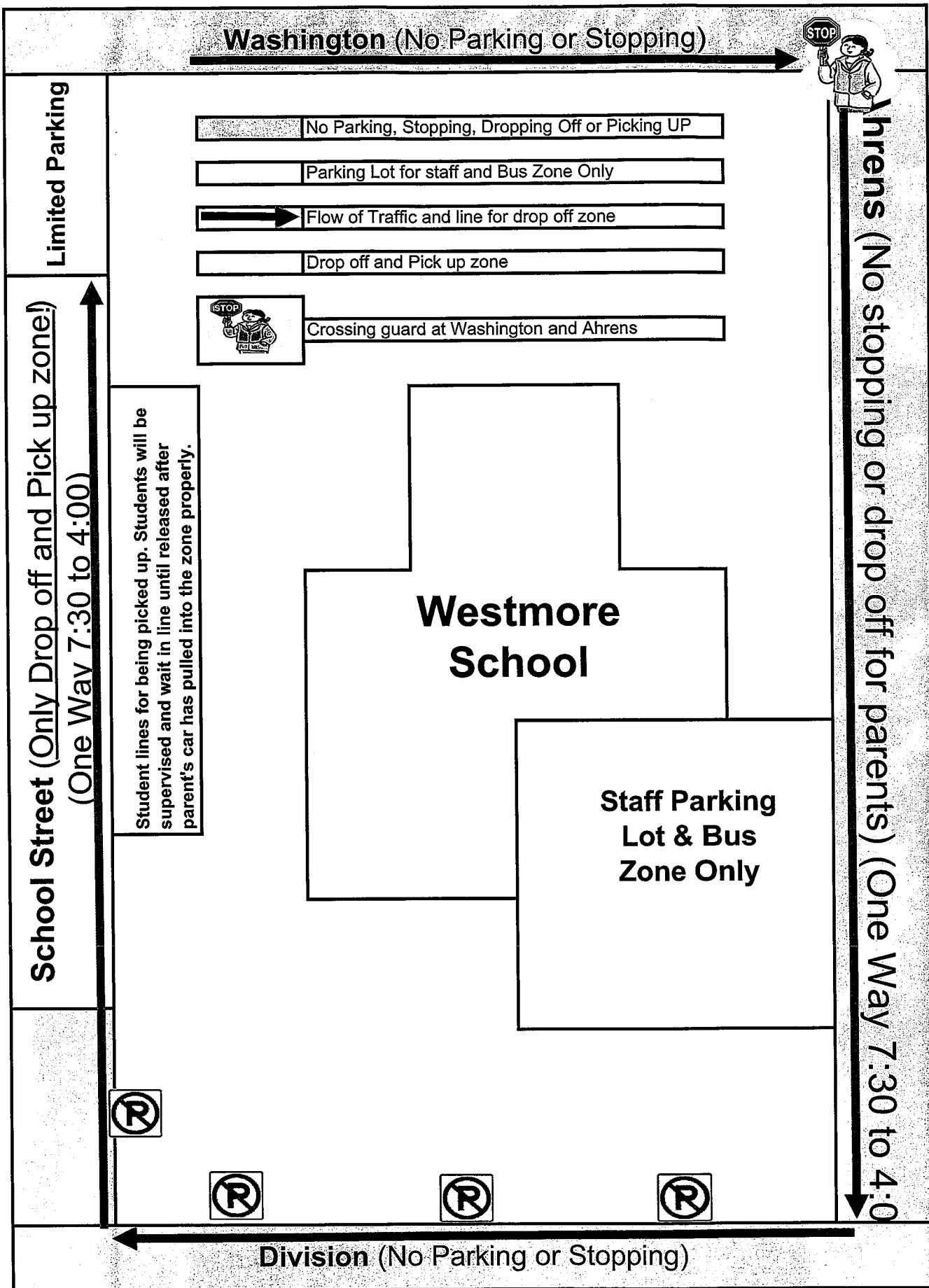
These recommendations were immediately enacted. All bus riding students are now delivered to and collected from the west side in the school parking lot. Walkers are encouraged to also use the west side school entrances where vehicle traffic is minimal and a crossing guard is available. Driving parents are directed to the east side of the school (School Street) where a drop-off and pick-up zone is being enforced by school volunteers.

Last month, Public Works and Police staff attended a meeting comprised of concerned teachers and parents of Westmore School. At that time, the school committee and Village staff collectively created the attached map, describing a proposed traffic circulation pattern for parents that would enhance the already implemented safety measures and identify what traffic restrictions would be necessary to make the plan successful. Staff recommends the following:



- Prohibit parking between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm on school days at the:
- a. South side of Division Street between Ahrens Avenue and School Street;  
and
  - b. West side of School Street from Division Street to a point 135 feet south.
2. Prohibit parking between 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm on school days at the:
- a. North side of Washington Street from Ahrens Avenue to a point 90 feet east.
3. Extend the hours of existing one-way traffic designations from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on school days to 7:30 am to 4:00 pm on school days at:
- a. Ahrens Avenue from Washington Boulevard to Division Street; and
  - b. School Street from Division Street to Washington Boulevard.

cc: Laura Fitzpatrick, Trustee, District 5



**Changes**

1. No parking on Division Street and part of School Street
2. One ways on School Street and Ahrens extended from 7:30 to 4:00
3. We will need to new signs posted around school and the streets repainted.

# Proposed No Parking Zones - Westmore School



200 ft

