

August 15, 2025

Solon Middle School Families and Students,

As we get ready to start school next week, we want to update you on the SOM Center Road construction project and how it will impact bus and car traffic on and around our school campus. **On Tuesday, August 19, traffic flow will flip and all travel on SOM between ADA/Arthur Road and Linden will be northbound only.** Our transportation plans and parent pick-up/drop-off procedures accounted for this change coinciding with the start of school.

Attached to this message is our school's plan along with a map to assist you in visualizing where to enter and exit the school campus. It is also critical that you follow the directions about turning in and out of our school driveways. We created these plans to help with traffic flow and for safety. School buses have the right of way at all times. If you signed up for bus transportation, please utilize the bus and follow the instructions sent by the Transportation Department. **PLEASE ADJUST YOUR DEPARTURE TIME TO ACCOUNT FOR TRAFFIC DELAYS.**

Please contact me if you have questions.

Rocco Sciarabba

SOLON MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT PICK-UP/DROP-OFF PLANS

Morning Drop-Off Procedures

For those families who opted in for district transportation, riding the school bus is the preferred method for students arriving to and from school.

When dropping off in the morning, **please enter the parking lot using the first driveway past the bus loop. Pull your car up along the sidewalk as far as you can travel toward the east end of the building passing the sidewalk that leads to the building so we can fit as many cars as possible at once. Students may need to walk along the sidewalk for several carlengths to maximize the unloading zone.**

It is inefficient to drop off one student at a time at the walkway leading to the entry door, especially at peak times. Please help in this effort.

Afternoon Pick-Up Procedures

Again, we urge families to use district transportation if they opted in to minimize congestion. However, if you need to pick up your student, we ask that you do the following:

- Enter the parking lot and pull all the way to the east end of the building and **back your vehicle against the sidewalk curb** to wait for your child. This allows you to pull straight out to exit the lot once your child gets in your car.
- If you arrive and there are no spots along the curb to back into, you can park in another location in the lot or adjacent to the community park. Once the cars along the curb exit, you may then pull around to pick up your student along the curb.

EXITING THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS: You will be able to turn right and head northbound out of the driveway only. Please be cautious of inbound drivers.

Solon Middle School Parent Traffic Plan Map:

