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Mission: Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

Dear Whetstone Community,

Over the past several months, we have carefully listened to the concerns of families, students, and staff regarding arrival and dismissal at Whetstone High School. From traffic congestion and safety risks to delays and inconsistent entry protocols, it became clear that our current systems were not meeting the high standards our students and families deserve. While we have not been successful in our attempt to relocate the evolv security system, we have identified a set of solutions, designed around your feedback, district best practices, and what we know works in high-volume environments. These improvements will create safer, smoother, and more supervised arrival and dismissal processes for every student and visitor. The success of this plan hinges on one essential factor: shared commitment. We are one team—staff, families, students, and community members—and every member has a role to play. Whether you're a coach, teacher, grandparent, or booster volunteer, your adherence to updated procedures and your support in modeling the right behaviors will make the difference.

We ask all community members to:

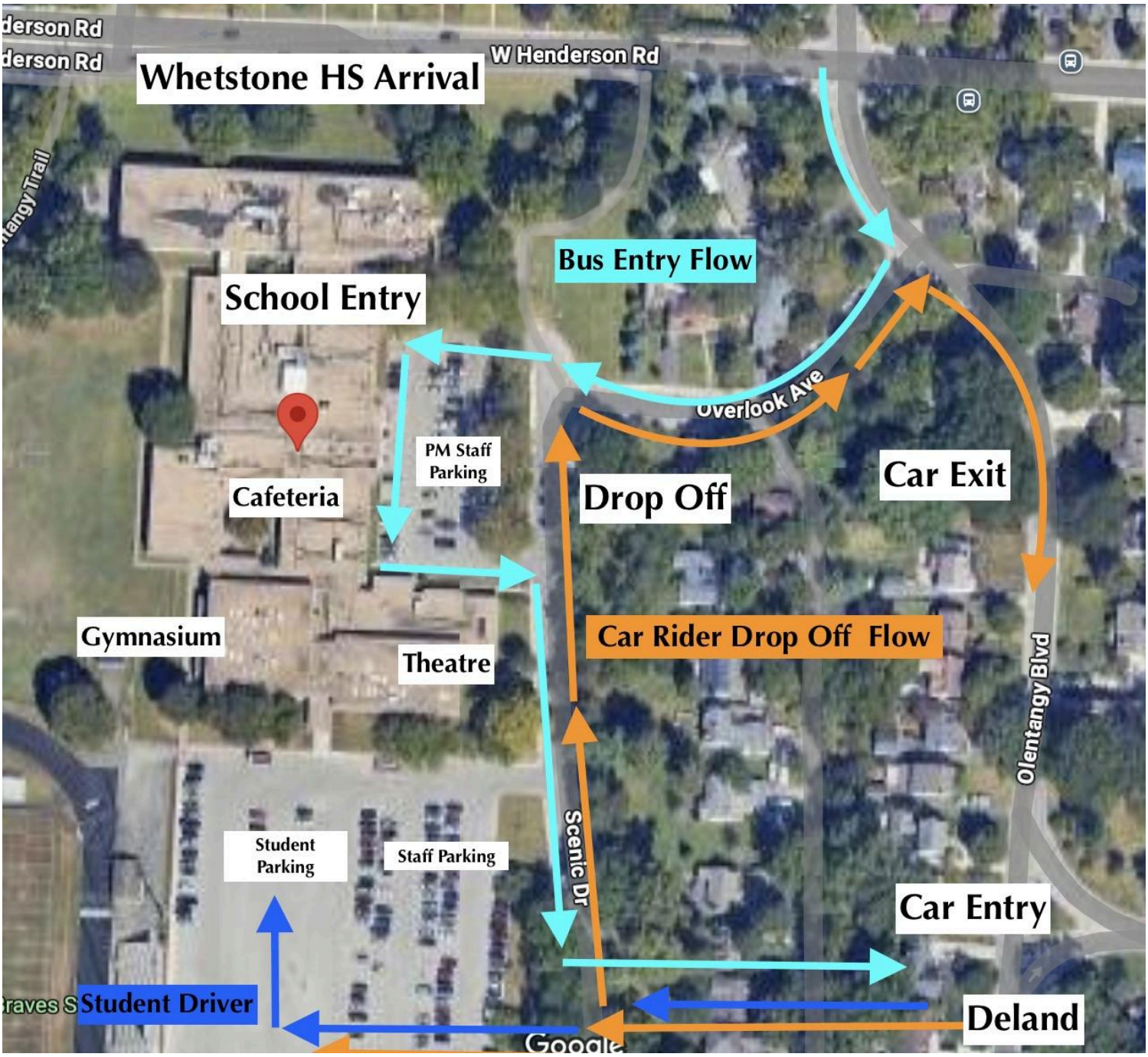
- Review the traffic maps on the next pages
- Support school staff by following traffic patterns for arrival and dismissal
- Help reinforce expectations with students and visitors

Together, we can create the safe, welcoming environment our students need to thrive—not just at the start of the day, but every step of the way. Please review the attached images and practice the pattern before the school year begins.

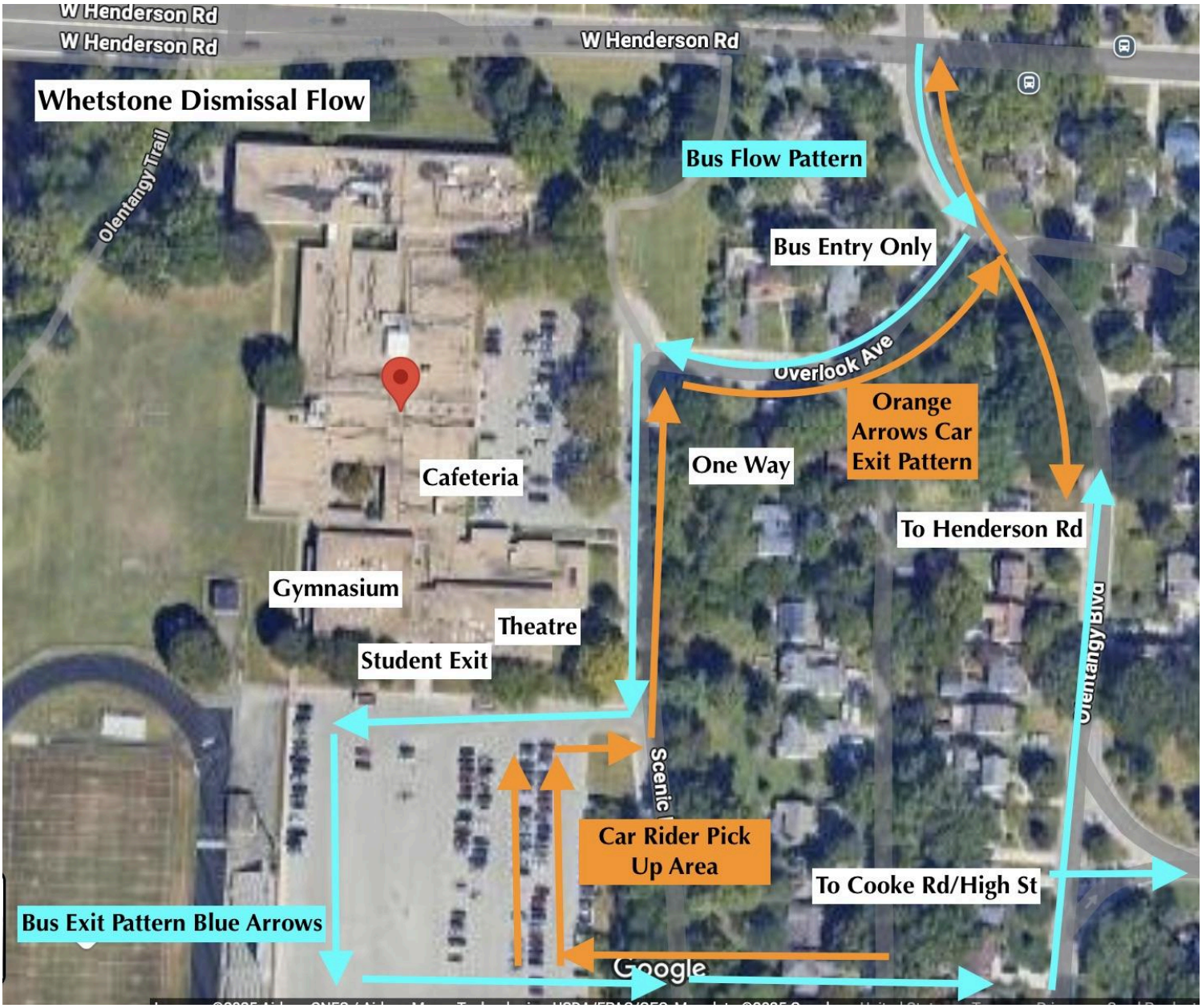
Sincerely,

Kimberly Rodriguez (she/her/ella), Principal

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