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Maplewood Middle School Traffic Pattern Change

The Maplewood Township Committee, the Maplewood Police Department and the South Orange Maplewood School District are working together to improve traffic and pedestrian safety in the area of **Maplewood Middle School**. The goal is to create a safer environment around the School during the morning student drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups.

The following temporary traffic pattern change will go into effect starting on **Monday, December 18th, 2017**:

- **Burnet Street** traffic will flow **one-way** (southbound) from **Baker Street** towards **Maple Ave**.
- **Burnet Street** will be blocked off at **Maple Ave** preventing traffic from flowing northbound in front of the school.
- **Maple Ave** will be blocked off at **Salter Place** preventing traffic from flowing towards **Burnet Street**

The changes will occur daily as follows:

7:45 am to 8:30 am

12:00 pm to 12:45 pm on 4 hour days when applicable

2:30 to 3:30 pm

The times and road closures will be adjusted as needed during this evaluation period

Area residents are asked to follow the flow of traffic during these times.

Reminders:

- Parents dropping off children are asked **not to make "K-turns" on Burnet St** and continue south on Burnet St towards Maple Ave as making a "K-turn" creates not only a hazardous condition but may cause additional traffic delays.
- Children should exit on the passenger side of the vehicle for their own safety.
- Parents are reminded that areas posted as **"No Parking"** will be strictly enforced.

A Police Officer will be assigned on a temporary basis to assist as motorists adapt to the changes.

We strongly recommend that your children walk to and from school, when possible. If you drive, please take a route that allows you to follow the new flow of traffic around the Middle School, or park on streets further away from the school.

This new traffic pattern is part of an ongoing effort to improve student drop-off/pick-up, staff parking, traffic issues, and safety of our students. Similar initiatives are planned for other SOMSD schools in Maplewood as well. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and welcome suggestions and/or additional concerns. Please send all comments and recommendations to policechief@twp.maplewood.nj.us

We appreciate your continued partnership as we work to ensure the safety and well-being of the entire Middle School community.

Sincerely,

Chief Jim DeVaul

Principal Dara Gronau

Director of Safety and Security Tom Shea