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Dear Parker Families:

I hope all of you are having a good summer! Next week the Parker faculty will return for the trainings, planning activities, and curriculum development that precede the opening of school, so this seems like a good time to share the enclosed materials about vehicular traffic on and around our campus with you.

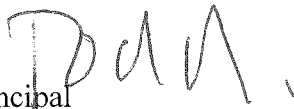
Devens public safety officials, as well as many Parker carpool drivers, are concerned about traffic congestion in the driveway during pickup and drop-off, congestion at the intersection of Antietam Street and Jackson Road, and pedestrian safety on and around campus. After conducting observations of traffic patterns for several weeks last spring, troopers from the Massachusetts State Police (the “local force” on Devens), led by our resource officer Trooper Cullen, developed a revised traffic plan for Parker: the details of that plan are enclosed.

The “new normal” calls for a cell phone lot on Antietam near the playground so that the circular driveway in front of Parker can be used by cars actively engaged in drop-off or pick-up; vehicles exiting campus during peak times will be restricted to a right turn only.

Trooper Cullen and his team have been highly consultative with Parker during the plan development process and I’m confident that the plan will reduce congestion, increase pedestrian safety, and ensure access for emergency vehicles at all times.

Sincerely yours,

Todd Sumner, Principal





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Principal Todd Sumner  
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Dear Mr. Sumner,

This letter is to advise you and the entire community of Parker Charter that the attached traffic plan has been approved by Devens and MassDevelopment. The school will therefore be required to implement this plan for the 2013-2014 school year.

The Massachusetts State Police will be contributing to this implementation through education, enforcement and modification of the traffic plan, as needed.

Thank you in advance for the cooperation of the entire Parker Charter School community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trooper William J. Cullen", followed by the number "#2151".

Trooper William J. Cullen  
School Resource Officer

# Parker Charter School Traffic Plan Fall 2013

## Overview:

The following traffic plan has been developed in response to safety concerns of the Devens Fire Department and Massachusetts State Police Devens as it relates to traffic congestion at the Parker Charter School.

## Issues:

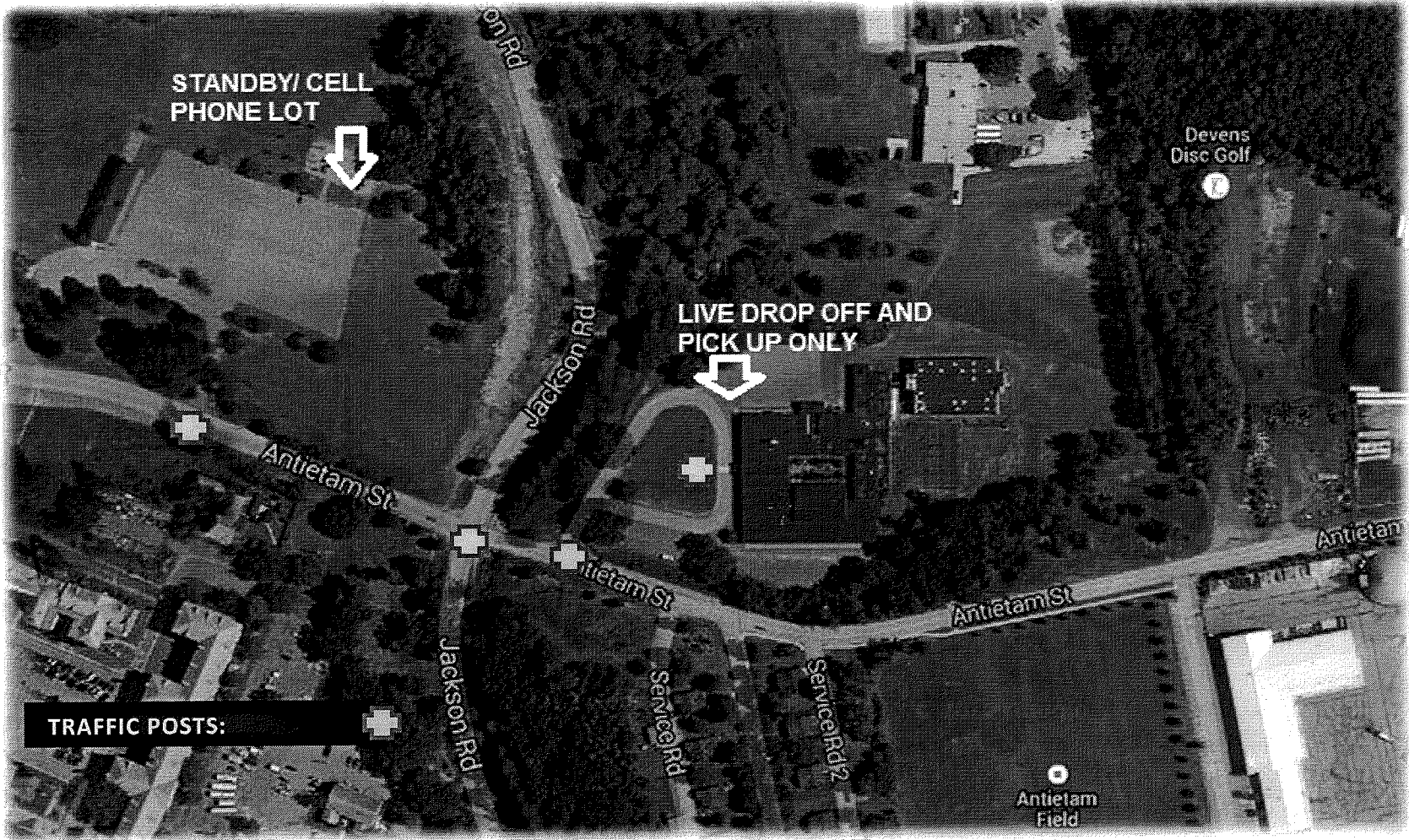
- Devens Fire Chief complains that traffic congestion in the school driveway, especially during morning arrival and afternoon student departure is impeding emergency vehicle access.
- State Police concerns about traffic congestion on Antietam St. and the intersection of Jackson and Antietam Streets.
- General concern about pedestrian traffic on school property and while crossing Jackson Rd.

## Proposed Solution:

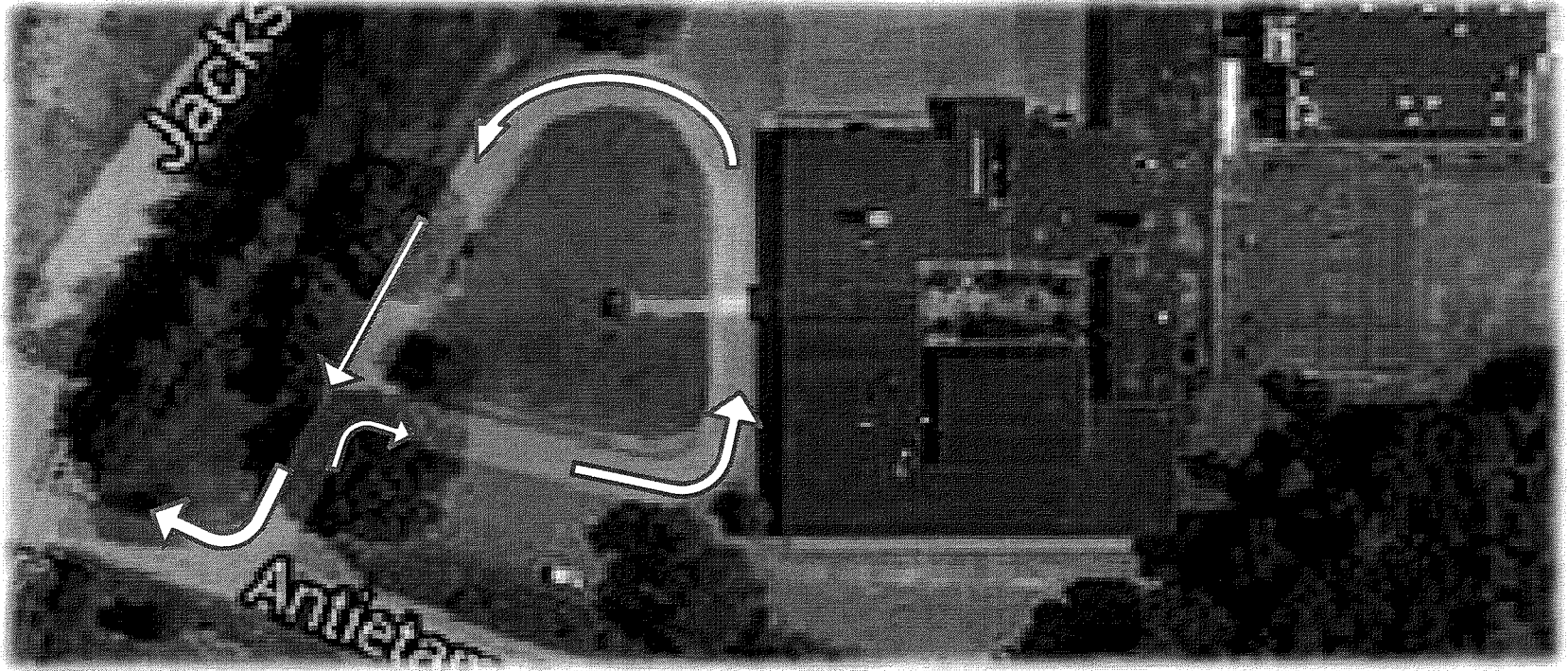
- 1) Develop traffic plan that maintains traffic flow on and off of the school property.
  - (a) Circle driveway in front of school to become "Live Drop off/ Pick up ONLY."
  - (b) Restrict traffic flow on circle drive to one direction counter clockwise only.
  - (c) Restrict traffic flow that exits school property to right turn only.
  - (d) Establish a Standby/ Cell Phone Parking lot at the Antietam Street lot near the playground.
- 2) Traffic Control and Enforcement
  - a) Use of State Police personnel with possible assistance of Shriver Job Corps Safety and Security students to direct the flow of traffic on and off of school property.
  - b) Use of State Police personnel with possible assistance of Shriver Job Corps Safety and Security students to direct the flow of traffic at Antietam St. and Jackson Rd.
  - c) Use of State Police personnel with possible assistance of Shriver Job Corps Safety and Security students to direct the flow of traffic in and out of the established Stand By/ Cell Phone parking lot onto Antietam Street.
  - d) Use of State Police personnel with possible assistance of Shriver Job Corps Safety and Security students to assist pedestrian traffic at the crosswalk on Jackson Rd. at Antietam Street.
- 3) Education
  - a) Educate and advise school faculty and staff of new traffic plan.

- b) Educate parents and students about the new traffic plan.
- c) Educate the school faculty and staff about general vehicle and pedestrian traffic safety in and around the school.
- d) Educate the students and parents about general vehicle and pedestrian traffic safety in and around the school.

NOTES:



- There will be no vehicle parking or standing anywhere in the circle driveway in front of the school.
- Circle drive in front of the school is for *live pick up and drop off only*.
- Parents and drivers that arrive early may wait in the designated standby/ cell phone lot on Antietam Street.



- Live drop off and pick up traffic will travel counter clockwise around the circle driveway.
- Vehicles exiting the property will **turn right only**.