Date: 5/21/14

Mr. Kevin Stansberry  
Principal, MOHS

Dear Mr. Stansberry:

I write you today about the ongoing issue of morning traffic in the school parking lot. Specifically, I’m referring to the long line of cars formed by parents dropping off their kids in the front lane. This problem is currently a big headache for students commuting to school in the morning, but the solution is simple and this issue needn’t exist any longer.

The aforementioned problem is primarily an issue for students with parking spaces in the front lane (like myself). This is obviously because parents try to get as close to the school as possible before letting their kids out of the car. This traffic congestion has caused myself and other students to be late many times this year. On some days, I find myself waiting in line for 5-7 minutes. This may not seem like a very long time, but when I get to school at 7:10 (and given our strict tardy policy at the front door) this is liable to cause issues. It is always frustrating to arrive at school before my other peers but hopelessly watch as they walk into the building before I even have a chance to park.

The solution to this problem is twofold: 1) make the official parent drop-off location the area by the cafeteria or another, less crowded area and 2) station a staff member at the entrance of the student parking lot to make sure only students are allowed in. Once the system has been in place, the latter part of the solution might not even be necessary.

This issue I have outlined is not huge, but is nonetheless a big pain for a select group of unlucky students. If we are to enforce the necessity of arriving on time with such tenacity, it is only right to apply the same tenacity to the infrastructure through which students commute to school. If the solution described above is followed through, students will be happier, there will be less “lates” on any given morning, and the parking lot will become safer with less traffic. I thank you for your time and consideration in analyzing this matter.

Sincerely,

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