

Nutley Public Schools

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Dear Yantacaw Parents/Guardians,

The safety and security of our students, staff members, and community members remain our top priority. During the summer, local officials, including the township engineer, the office of Code Enforcement, the Department of Public Works, the Nutley Police and Fire Departments, members of the community, school and district administrators, and members of the Board of Education met to review the traffic flow at Yantacaw School as it relates to student dismissal. We are aware that traffic at dismissal time continues to be an important topic and ongoing concern for parents/guardians, staff and local neighbors. These meetings and the tremendous collaboration have resulted in a proactive plan to avoid serious accidents in front of the school. Starting with the first day of school, September 4, 2019, there will be a change to dismissal procedures.

Please review the information below.

Students in Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third Grades

- Students will still be dismissed with their teacher through the North side of the building near the blacktop now beginning at **3:15 p.m.**
- Parents/guardians who must drive to pick up their children should proceed on Yantacaw Place and stay within the lane closest to the school building.
- Please be mindful not to arrive before **3:00 p.m.**
- In an effort to move traffic effectively and better accommodate the heavy flow of cars during this time, drivers must remain in their vehicles. Drivers will not be allowed to park or exit their vehicles while in this lane.
- The lane will allow for cars to continuously move once your child has entered the vehicle.
- The Nutley Police Department will institute a zero tolerance policy for violations and tickets will be issued.

Students in Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades

- Students will still be dismissed through the South side of the building (closest to the trailers) beginning at 3:20 p.m.
- Pick up will no longer occur on Yantacaw Place - **please note this change.**
- Parents/guardians of these grade levels who must drive to pick up their children will do so on Brookfield Avenue and should stay within the lane closest to the school building.
- Please be mindful not to arrive before **3:05 p.m.**
- In an effort to move traffic effectively and better accommodate the heavy flow of cars during this time, drivers must remain in their vehicles. Drivers will not be allowed to park or exit their vehicles while in this lane, and must not block driveways.
- The lane on Brookfield Avenue will allow for cars to continuously move once your child has entered the vehicle.
- When leaving, you must continue on Brookfield Avenue. **You cannot turn onto Yantacaw Place.**
- The Nutley Police Department will institute a zero tolerance policy for violations and tickets will be issued.

For Families with Siblings in Both Grade Levels

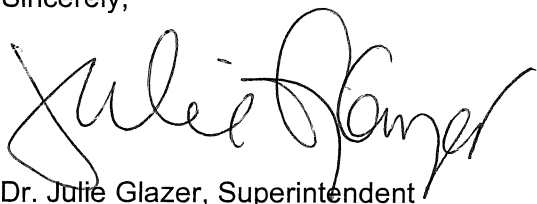
- If you have children in both the lower and upper grade levels, your older child will be dismissed with your younger child at 3:15 p.m. on Yantacaw Place.

While the first day of school, Wednesday, September 4, 2019, which, along with Thursday, September 5, is a single session day, the same parameters apply. The times for dismissal on the single session days will be 12:25 p.m. for the lower grades and 12:30 p.m. for the upper grades.

Staggering dismissal time and pick up location by upper and lower grade levels will help to eliminate some of the daily congestion we currently face. Please be respectful of the neighbors in this area and do not try to circumvent this process by parking in, or blocking driveways or fire hydrants. Also, please remember that Nutley is considered a "walking district" and we continue to encourage families to walk to and from school at Yantacaw and throughout the district. Crossing guards will still be on duty for walkers.

We will monitor and adjust these procedures as they are implemented to determine the safest, most efficient dismissal possible. Local officials, the Nutley Police, school and district administrators, and members of the Board of Education will be in attendance at the Tuesday, September 10 PTO meeting at Yantacaw School to continue the discussion, and share feedback.

Sincerely,



Dr. Julie Glazer, Superintendent



Mr. Frank Francia, Principal, Yantacaw School