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-From the Principal's Desk-

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for what I am certain will be a fabulous and productive 2014. I hope that the holiday season treated everyone well and that all those associated with Laning School enjoyed a wealth of quality time with family and loved ones.

I know we would all agree that the health, well-being, and safety of our children is the number one concern of the Laning School Community. As we celebrate the New Year, let us take a moment to consider how we might improve upon our strategies to ensure the safety of our children. With this in mind I would like to take this opportunity to review the procedures related to the morning drop off and afternoon pick up of children.

1. **No child should arrive to school on <u>any day</u> before 8:15**. This is the time teacher supervision begins.

2. Parents should not stop, for any reason, in the middle of Lanning Road. Besides creating a traffic backup it is an unacceptable practice for picking up or dropping off students, as it requires children to walk in between cars.

3. **Children should enter and exit cars using a <u>curbside</u> door**. It is unsafe to load or unload on the street side. Quite a few of our parents are exiting children from street side doors.

4. Families should be crossing Lanning Road at the corners of Elmwood or Otsego as this is where crossing guards are located.

5. Remember, children may enter the building at any one of three entrances; canopy, center, parking lot.

6. All parents/guests in the building must report to the office, sign in, and receive a visitor's pass.

Approximately 150 cars drop off students each morning between 8:15 and 8:35. As a result, traffic many times backs up onto Elmwood Road. It would be very helpful if students were prepared at home to exit the car as quickly as possible once at school. The following are several suggestions which might be helpful toward this end:

- Fasten coats, put on hats and gloves at home.
- Have backpacks and books next to child in car (not in the trunk).
- Give so-long hugs and kisses at home.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Thank you for adhering to these guidelines. Each will help to ensure the safe arrival and dismissal of Laning children.

Sincerely,
Julie DiGiacomo
Principal