



## **Important Letter Regarding Arrival/Dismissal Procedures**

Dear Parents,

As your superintendent, I have been observing the student arrival and dismissal procedures at the schools for a while. I must write to you to ask your favor in making these procedures safer and more efficient for staff. I have been proud to see 95% of the parents following the schools' guidelines for carlines and student drop-off and pickup, but also very disappointed in the other parents that consistently look for ways to break the rules that staff have determined to be the safest and most efficient ways for arrival and dismissal. In particular, I would ask that these procedures be followed:

1. At all of our schools, no student will be released early without proper documentation of an appointment or prior approval of the principal for a specific reason and a specific period of time. You expect our teachers to teach from first bell to last bell and constant interruptions to call the classroom to get students released early affects academics when more pressure is put on our staff to perform every year. It is obvious to staff and parents which parents simply want to avoid the car line to get their children early and it creates more havoc in the Oasis parking lot at dismissal to have parents walking their children through the car line to the lot and then trying to get out of the lot by merging back into the line. If you do not want to wait in line, come later when the line is shorter. From start to finish, our elementary car lines are only 30 minutes!
2. Car line procedures at all the schools have been carefully planned for safety. When Oasis Middle School parents enter the elementary gate to avoid the car line they are jeopardizing the safety of their children when they drop them off in the lot and the students have to cross through the double car line to get to the school. Then to get out of the lot, the cars must break into the exiting car line backing it up. Parents also cut through the high school lot to break into the line.

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3. All Oasis Middle and Oasis Elementary parents must observe the "No Left Turn" sign when they exit the lot. Sure it takes 15 more seconds to turn right and then make a U-turn to head south on Oasis, but by sitting at the road waiting to turn left you are backing up the car line waiting to turn right properly.
4. During dismissal, Christa McAuliffe parents must remain in the car line after their children have entered their cars and NOT pull out of line to exit the parking lot. Elementary students will NOT be placed in cars without a car window sign.

**Thank you sincerely for your attention to these procedures for the safety of our children!** Please excuse me if the tone of this letter is too demanding or demeaning. It is only out of concern for our students, staff, and other parents that I ask for your cooperation in following our rules and setting a good example for your children. When you entered our school system, you agreed to abide by our policies and procedures. Please follow through with your commitment.

Respectfully,

*Lee Bush*

Lee Bush,  
Charter School Superintendent

Note: All parents must sign in the front office even if you are going into the building for just one moment!! Please remember to sign out when you are done. This is for the safety of all our students and staff.