

# Elizabeth Lane Elementary School

## Traffic Improvement Plan

The following plan will be implemented based on recommendations from a traffic study report provided in May 2018.

### Traffic Officer:

CMS will provide funding for an off-duty officer to direct traffic during arrival and dismissal at Elizabeth Lane ES for the 2018-2019 school year.

### Morning Procedures:

Elizabeth Lane ES implemented a revised morning arrival procedure that began March 26, 2018. The traffic study report indicates that the updated morning traffic flow is well managed and no adjustments were recommended.

### Afternoon Procedures:

In order to minimize waiting vehicles parking on local neighborhood streets Elizabeth Ln ES proposes identifying true walkers within a defined radius and requiring all other vehicles to join the car queue for pick up. This should minimize off-site parking on Elizabeth Lane and surrounding neighborhoods.

Elizabeth Ln ES will implement a version of the morning queuing pattern at the afternoon release (see map below). This will be trial and error until a satisfactory result is achieved.



# Safety Enhancements

CMS will be making safety enhancements at all schools based on site-specific needs.

Classroom visitors and volunteers are required to enter through the main lobby and sign in using the monitored LobbyGuard stations. Some visitors attempt to bypass the check in procedure and arrive at the classroom without the badge that indicates sign in was completed. Staff members redirect those visitors to the office before allowing entry to the classroom. In order to eliminate these classroom interruptions, fencing that restricts access from the parking lot is being considered as a priority security enhancement for Elizabeth Lane ES. This will restrict entry access to the front doors during the school day. The playground, mobile units, and other exterior doors will be accessible only after visitors have entered through the video monitored front entrance and checked in using the Lobby Guard system.

The fence that borders the lower end of campus will be repaired and extended along the tree line to deter visitors from accessing the school campus from the natural area behind the mobiles. The walking path between the Sardis Forest Neighborhood and Elizabeth Lane will remain accessible to students and families who walk to school. A gate is being considered to restrict access during the school day.

Gate for  
walker  
access

Gate for community  
access open outside  
of school hours.



## Procedures:

Elizabeth Lane ES continues to collaborate with district safety personnel and local law enforcement to add additional safety measures in an ongoing partnership. Students are taught safety procedures and begin practicing on the first day of school. The following clarifications will be included in the school safety procedures for the upcoming school year:

- Mobile classroom doors will be locked at all times and compliance will be monitored during daily administrative safety audits.
- Students must receive the teacher's permission before opening the door.
- Staff members are issued keys to classrooms, including mobile units, to reduce classroom disruption during transition.
- Students primarily transition between mobiles, restrooms, etc. as a whole class with the teacher. In the event that students need to move between mobile classrooms at other times, the teacher will call to alert the receiving staff member.
- The buddy-system is used for infrequent restroom breaks that are requested during a time when a staff member is not available to supervise.

## Individual Mobile Classroom Enhancements:

The principal recommends that the peepholes (Giant Screen Wide Angle) recommended in Chief Pennington's memo be installed in mobile unit doors at Elizabeth Lane. CMS has agreed to purchase and install the devices. The additional fencing will restrict entry to the monitored front entrance and prevent visitors from reporting directly to mobile classroom doors. This will allow office staff to require check in through LobbyGuard and alert the teacher that a volunteer/visitor should be expected.

The principal and assistant principal met with Chief Pennington and Captain Tyrell on June 21, 2018 to review plans for planned security enhancements.

## **Surplus Land**

Superintendent Wilcox is currently reviewing all of the properties that were previously declared surplus. He will make a recommendation to the CMS Board of Education regarding the designation of those properties as surplus.

## **School Growth and Planned Relief Projects**

-The new facility construction at Lansdowne Elementary is an active project sited to offer relief to Elizabeth Lane ES. This project is scheduled for completion in August 2021. This project will reduce enrollment at Elizabeth Lane, but will not likely reduce enrollment significantly enough to eliminate the need for mobile classrooms.

-Mandatory class-size restrictions will be enforced in North Carolina for grades K-3. These reductions are currently being phased in yearly and will be fully implemented by the 2021 school year. These reductions will increase the number of classrooms needed to accommodate the same number of students.