



Deer Park
SCHOOL DISTRICT

10 June 2024

Deer Park School District
Attn: President, School Board
N. 428 Main
Deer Park, Washington 99006

Sequence: 2024-009, DPE Parent Drop-off/Pick-up Issues

Dear School Board President and Directors,

I am reporting that the currently parent drop-off/pickup at the Deer Park Elementary is not an ideal situation for the kids or parents/guardians based on multiple complaints and my first-hand experiences. Unfortunately, we all know cars are backing up on S. Weber Road via the shoulder and the parents are doing their best to cope with the situation. I understand at times there can be insufficient staff support. I also witnessed drivers leaving 1-car gaps, so they can pull away when their children are on the sidewalk in DPE's care, which could be unsafe and it backlogs the sequencing queue further. This process is currently inefficient, frustrating for parents/guardians, and not safe in an emergency situation, if one arises. Parents/Guardians have been very understanding, but they want a change.

I am enclosing my 25 March presentation that was not given to the school board. It contains DPE recommendations, which we need to address prior to the new school year.

With regards,
Gerald F. Ashby
Deer Park School Board Director, #4



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Deer Park Elementary Parent Drop-off/Pick-up

DPE Parent Drop-off/Pick-up Complaints

- ▶ Concerns over student/public safety
 - ▶ Possible insufficient staffing to oversee the drop-off/pick-up.
 - ▶ Drop-Off/Pick-Up needs to be safer
 - ▶ Vehicles quickly swerving in/out of drop-off/pick-up lanes
 - ▶ Merging of 2 lanes into 1 lane can be unfriendly
 - ▶ Traffic is forced into illegal U-turns on Weber
 - ▶ Pickup traffic backs up onto Weber
- ▶ Process needs faster/efficient improvements
- ▶ Need designated parking in main administrative parking lot for parents/visitors

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DPE Parent Drop-off/Pick-up Meeting, 31 Jan 2024

- ▶ Tricia Kannberg, DPE Principal, Sarah Hintz, DPE Union Representative, and Gerry Ashby, Parent
 - ▶ Staffing for Drop-off/Pick-up is always a priority
 - ▶ School Leadership Team (SLT) with DPE representatives from Professional Learning Communities (PLC) could meet with DPE PTO to initially meet to discuss New Improvement Ideas/Suggestions
 - ▶ Then the DPE PTO could meet with the public to discuss a way forward.
 - ▶ Favorable on designated parent/visitor parking idea

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