



White Rock Elementary

RICHARDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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White Rock Parents & Community,

As we continue to work through the planning process for our school expansion project to add additional classrooms and common area spaces, we're committed to keeping you updated on the progress.

We think it's important to reiterate that an expansion project of this size will present inconveniences, changes in routines, and the potential for additional traffic and parking congestion. As part of our planning, we have worked with a professional traffic engineer, been in contact with the City of Dallas, and met with our Traffic Dads group. From this work, we have prepared a modified pick up & drop off plan that will go into effect November 27 (after Thanksgiving Break), as well as some temporary changes to the traffic patterns on the streets surrounding the school. The temporary changes to the traffic patterns will include new signage from the City that will restrict turns and access onto some streets, only on school days, and only during the peak morning and afternoon times. Beginning December 4, the rear of the campus will no longer be publicly accessible due to construction.

We enjoyed the opportunity to meet with parents and community members on November 2 to present these detailed traffic plans. Some excellent feedback and suggestions from that meeting will likely expand some of the temporary traffic restrictions to better ensure the efficient flow of traffic around the school during pickup & drop off times. You can view the new pick up & drop off plan, and the temporary modified traffic patterns, on the WRE website.

We have also recently added a construction phase map to the WRE website, which details what parts of the expansion project will be completed in each phase. As a reminder, while some parts of the project will be completed in advance of the 2018-19 school year, the elements located in the modified flood plain are not likely to be completed until early-mid 2019, depending on the length of time of the permitting process. Also, required asbestos abatement will occur in different areas of the school over holidays and school breaks.

We continue to work closely with the City, our construction manager, and architects, and will continue to keep you updated. In the meantime, I encourage you to visit our school website for [comprehensive information about the project](#), and contact either of us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support and patience as we look forward to a safe and beautiful school that will meet the needs of our community.

Sincerely,

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