Dear Central Community,

As you know, student safety is one of our primary concerns at Central Elementary School. We are pleased to be able to support the Safe Routes to School program, and we encourage students to walk to school whenever possible. In addition to being good for children’s health, walking helps ease some of the traffic congestion around campus making it safer for everyone. We strongly encourage Carpooling.

We understand that pick-up and drop-off times can be hectic and rushed, but it is important to keep student safety in mind. We have worked with the Belmont Police Department to address some traffic and safety concerns. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these guidelines and practice them to help keep our students safe. Please share this information with grandparents, babysitters and care-givers who come to the school campus as well.

Central School—Traffic Concerns and Safety Precautions

- **Stop Sign at Entrance to School (Middle Rd at Virginia Way)**
  - If the lot is full: You MUST continue through the intersection and locate a legal parking spot or circle back around
  - **Vehicles are not allowed to block the roadway and will be cited for 22400(a) VC—Impeding the flow of traffic.**
  - Arrive 5-10 minutes after release so that the parking lot is cleared out
    - Do not arrive early unless you are planning to park legally on the street

- **Middle Rd. near the upper walking path**
  - Do not block private driveways
  - If parking on an easement, you must leave enough space for pedestrians to pass, but do not have your vehicle block traffic.

**Additional Safety Concerns**

- Do not allow children to exit vehicles while the vehicle is in the roadway
- Do not cross over the center line to pass stopped vehicle(s)—this is a very unsafe driving maneuver and if caught, will result in a hefty fine
- The Police Department understands that it is frustrating to have to wait; however, there could be children crossing the intersection and failure to follow laws could result in citations, or even worse, injury to pedestrians
- Pedestrians need to walk within the designated crosswalks—for general safety reasons as well as it eases traffic congestion
  - Our children are very impressionable and by setting a good example we are helping lay a strong foundation for their future. We want our children to cross the road safely and stay within the crosswalk at all times.