McAlister Intermediate School

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Dear McAlister Families,

We hope this crisp, fall day finds you well! We have two important reminders to share with you today. First, this *Thursday, October 8, 2015,* Suffield Middle School will serve as the town's polling site for the community-wide referendum. The town registrar has informed us that we may expect up to four thousand voters over the course of the day!

Please know that there will be increased traffic flow in the parking lot between SMS and McAlister on this day. The traffic flow will be precisely the location where our students are dropped-off in the morning and picked-up at dismissal. Voters will be directed to park in this lot, a large portion of which will be reserved for this purpose. The school district has made some arrangements to accommodate the increased traffic flow: the staff has been directed to park in alternate locations and police will be on hand to assist with the traffic flow.

Even with these arrangements we still expect some congestion on Thursday and ask that you consider the following:

- If possible, we recommend carpooling in order to reduce vehicular traffic.
- There may be some delays, especially merging back on to Mountain Road.
- Bear in mind that Suffield residents who do not have children at SMS will not be aware of our traffic patterns during drop-off and pick-up. Take time to scan all around your car before driving to ensure there isn't a vehicle approaching from an unexpected direction.
- Above all else, please exercise extreme caution when driving in the parking lot as there will be increased pedestrian traffic.

Our second reminder is for families who pick up their students at the end of the day. Starting on *Tuesday, October 13, 2015*, we will be instituting an additional layer of security to our student pick up procedure. Parents and families will continue to pick up their children in the cafeteria at the end of each day starting at 3:05 P.M. However, starting on *Tuesday, October 13, 2015*, we will ask that all parents and families who are picking up their children present our staff members their driver's license as proof of identification. This will assist us in further ensuring that we are releasing children to the correct adult. Please be sure to have your driver's license with you when you pick up your children, as this ensures that student pick up occurs without delay.

As always, we appreciate your attention and effort relative to these two reminders! Thank you and looking forward to a wonderful week ahead.

Sincerely,

Karen E. Carpenter-Snow