



# SUFFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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To Parents/Guardians of Middle School Students:

This Thursday, October 8, 2015, Suffield Middle School will serve as the town's polling site for a community-wide referendum. The town registrar has informed us that we may expect up to four thousand voters over the course of the day. As a former social studies teacher, I find this event tremendously exciting; it is the civic process in action!

There is one drawback to this event. There will be **increased traffic flow in the parking lot** between SMS and McAlister Intermediate School, 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, all after school activities at the middle school have been cancelled for that day 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, I would 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.

Thank you for your consideration...and don't forget to vote!

Sincerely,

Damon Pearce

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