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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear SSE Community,

Construction of the Sycamore Springs Middle School expansion will begin when we return from winter break. We are excited to start this much-needed project, which was approved by voters in the May 2023 Bond to relieve overcrowding at SSMS.

Due to this construction, the traffic pattern for drop-off and pick-up for both Sycamore Springs Elementary and Sycamore Springs Middle School will change after Winter Break (starting Monday, January 8). You can see a map of the new traffic pattern here.

For SSE, beginning after the break, <u>ALL</u> traffic will enter and exit on the south side of the campus (the former exit) next to Highpointe. The former exit-only outlet will be restriped for two-way traffic. Parents will enter in the right-hand lane (see the lime green route on <u>map</u>), travel down to the end of the campus, loop around, and drop off / pick up in our normal location next to the cafeteria (see the Green Lot in the attached map). After drop-off or pick-up, traffic will stay to the right (see the aqua route on <u>map</u>) and travel up to Sawyer Ranch to exit. The exit will be restriped to include right- and left-hand turn lanes onto Sawyer Ranch. There will be a crossing guard at the walkway to Highpointe.

The small lot by the bike racks (newly named the Yellow Lot) will be reserved for SSE staff and campus visitors. The front lot (Maroon) will continue to be used for buses, ADA access, and staff parking. You are welcome to park in the front lot anytime you need to come inside the campus but please do not use the front lot for drop-off or pick-up.

Hays County will be onsite to provide additional support while we adjust to the new traffic flow. Please **review the map** and speak to your children about the changes. We need everyone to pay attention to the changes and limit distractions (please stay off your phones). The dirt lot will remain closed.

Thank you for your patience and support while we adjust to the new traffic pattern. We know this is a significant change but we are hopeful that eliminating the requirement to circle the entire campus may actually expedite the process for the campus. If you have any questions about the new traffic flow pattern or this message, please email **dsisdcommunications@dsisdtx.us**.

Sincerely.

Cody Spraberry Principal Sycamore Springs Elementary School