

The traffic issue at dismissal from school and Extra Help has become frustrating for many of our families. Many parents and/or guardians are arriving up to twenty minutes before the end of the school day and Extra Help to avoid dealing with traffic as they pick up their children. The potential waiting period at these times is over forty minutes which therefore results in the back-up of traffic on the L.I.E Service Road and Locust Lane for extended periods of time.

We understand this frustration and would like to offer a possible solution. On regular dismissal days, Tuesdays and Fridays, the bell rings at 2:12 p.m. After collecting their personal items from their lockers, students begin to exit at approximately 2:15 p.m. The parking lot is typically clear of all traffic by 2:25 p.m. On Extra Help days, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, the bell rings at 2:48 p.m. and students begin to exit at approximately 2:50 p.m. Typically, on these days, the parking lot is clear of all traffic by 3:10 p.m.

As many of you are already aware, we have building personnel supervising students every day until 4:00 p.m. Therefore, possible solutions include having your child attend a supervised function, such as a club or intramural, or giving him/her the opportunity to study in the library until an agreed upon time after 2:25 p.m. or 3:10 p.m. These alternatives would ease traffic issues and alleviate the frustration you may be currently experiencing when picking up your child.

We are doing everything possible to make the dismissal process safe for all our students while, at the same time, trying our best to improve traffic flow. Inclement weather exacerbates these issues and alternatives should be especially considered during those times. Our procedures are not intended to cause a delay or to create a frustrating situation. Honking, yelling obscenities and treating people

disrespectfully does not help the situation or make the traffic flow more quickly.

Please know that our doors are always open to receive feedback about this or any other issue related to your child's welfare and safety.

Thank you.