



THREE VILLAGE
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The mission of the Three Village Central School District, in concert with its families and community, is to provide an educational environment which will enable each student to achieve a high level of academic proficiency and to become a well-rounded individual who is an involved, responsible citizen.

Alan L. Baum, Principal
Ward Melville High School

September 12, 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well and that the school year is off to a good start. I am writing to you because I need your help.

As many of you know the traffic to and from Ward Melville High School is a problem during arrival and dismissal times. Ward Melville High School and Old Town Road were not designed to handle the volume of traffic during those times. Although the new traffic light will help, it will not solve the problem. Our roads, both on and off campus, simply were not designed to handle the volume of vehicles.

I have a suggestion and I know this issue might strike a nerve with many individuals. Our community pays a tremendous amount of money for public school buses for a majority of our students. If the students who receive busing actually took the bus, we would remove much of the vehicular traffic on Old Town Road and on our campus. One school bus can replace approximately 40 cars. I understand that when we have inclement weather we have a greater tendency to drive our children to school. This only exacerbates the situation. It would be more prudent for us as parents to wait with our children at the bus stop in our cars, then to drive them directly to school.

Not only would we reduce the volume of cars in and around Ward Melville High School, but collectively, we could help reduce the negative impact upon the environment.

Therefore, I am asking you to avoid driving your child to school if we provide a bus.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Alan L. Baum

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