



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

***Driving Students
to School***

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

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 recently installed traffic light and the newly paved road help, they 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 that I have made before and is worth repeating. Our community pays a tremendous amount of money for public school buses for a majority of our students. In fact, starting this school year, we are providing full busing to all students. If students 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 than 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 and have your child take the district provided bus transportation.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Alan L. Baum

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