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Safety First at Pickup and Drop Off

Greeting from Burlington Parking Services! As of last summer, the City's Parking Enforcement team was moved from the Police Department to the Department of Public Works and rebranded as Parking Services. We are now a one-stop-shop for "everything parking" in Burlington. Along with managing parking meters, garages and lots our of Parking Service Agent crew works in the streets every day to keep the City safe for vehicles, pedestrians and emergency vehicles. Yes, this includes writing tickets, but that isn't our goal. Our goal is safety, first and foremost.

To that end, our crew has observed a number of safety issues around schools at drop-off and pick-up time; primarily related to parking in dangerous locations (i.e. no parking zones), standing in the travel way (flashers don't make it safe or legal) or even parking straddling crosswalks (blocking pedestrians). All of these scenarios are dangerous and will also earn you a ticket. But we would rather be safe than write a ticket. Also, remember, just because you may be sitting in the car, that doesn't make it a safe place to park. If an agent approaches, please remember they are working on the side of safety.

That said, we certainly understand the challenges of drop-off and pick-up, this is why we have teamed with the School Department to help remind everyone that safety is the #1 priority. We're working together to develop some simple signs that reiterate the parking rules and reinforce our shared focus on safety. Of course, our Parking Service Agents will also be there to help everyone understand the rules and write tickets as needed, but we would much prefer that everyone park safely.

If you have any questions please reach out to Parking Services:

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Thanks for parking safely!

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