

The logo for Olmsted Falls Schools is a shield-shaped emblem. At the top, the word "EDUCATION" is written in a serif font, flanked by two small dots. The left side of the shield contains the word "EXCELLENCE" written vertically in a serif font. The right side contains the word "EFFICIENCY" written vertically in a serif font. In the center of the shield is a crest featuring a book, a quill pen, and a lamp of knowledge. Below the crest, the words "OLMSTED FALLS" are written in a serif font, followed by "Schools" in a smaller serif font. At the bottom of the shield are three stars.

# **Transportation Information Meeting**

**December 12, 2009**



# How Did We Get Here?



# Operating Levy History

**February 2, 1999**

**12.9 Mills**

**PASSED**

**2,395 FOR / 2,198 AGAINST**

**November 4, 2008**

**4.9 Mills**

**FAILED**

**3,781 FOR / 7,435 AGAINST**

**.5% Income Tax**

**FAILED**

**3,906 FOR / 7,567 AGAINST**

**February 3, 2009**

**9.9 Mills**

**FAILED**

**1,795 FOR / 3,145 AGAINST**

**November 2, 2009**

**6.4 Mills**

**FAILED**

**4,499 FOR / 4,675 AGAINST**



# ***Educational Reduction Plan***

- **Elimination of Business and German at High School**
- **Reduction in Industrial Arts and Latin at High School**
- **Elimination of Summer Discovery / Summer Magic Programs for Elementary Students**
- **Overall Compensation Freeze for All Faculty, Staff and Administrators**
- **Elimination 10.5 Teacher / Tutor Positions**
- **Elimination of Part-Time Administrative Positions**
- **Changes in Custodial Hours / Schedules**
- **Charge for Weekend Building Use by Outside Groups**
- **Changes in K-12 Transportation Services**
- **Reduction in Building Operation Hours**



# Overview of Transportation Services Last Year (2008-2009)

- **High Level of K-12 Busing Services including:**
  - **No Walk Zone**
  - **3,000+ Riders Daily**
  - **100+ Routes Daily**
  - **Unlimited Alternate Transportation Requests**  
*(More than 500 requests serviced annually)*
  - **Transportation to 10 Non-Public Schools**  
**Outside District boundaries**
  
- **Surrounding school districts do NOT offer this level of service.**



# Overview of Transportation Changes This Year (2009-2010)

## In Effect at Start of This Year:

- Elimination of High School Busing
- Expansion of Neighborhood Bus Stops
- Limitation of Alternate Transportation Requests

## Effective January 4, 2009 (*due to levy failure*):

- K-8 Busing Reduced to State Minimums
- 2-Mile Walking Zone (by road, not by radius)
- Elimination of Alternate Transportation Requests
- Additional Consolidation of Remaining Bus Stops



# State Minimum Busing Requirements Effective 1-4-10

- **2-Mile Walk Zones (ORC 3327.01)**
  - Measured by road; not radius
  - Families impacted by loss of bus service notified by letter mailed (*11-20-09*)
  
- **Elimination of Alternate Transportation Request Service**
  - Families impacted by loss of Alternate Transportation Request service notified by letter mailed (*12-3-09*)



# **New Routing for Remaining Bus Riders (Outside 2-Mile Zones)**

- Previous routes included 16+ bus stops; new routes include approx. 6-8 bus stops.
- Fewer Stops = Shorter Timed Routes = Less Employee Hours on Clock
- Letters notifying families outside 2-Mile Zones of new route, bus stop locations, and times were mailed this past week.





# **FY09 Transportation Expenses for Olmsted Falls Schools**

<b>Regular Education Transportation</b>	<b>\$1,555,526</b>
<b>Special Education Transportation</b>	<b>\$ 330,809</b>
<b>Payment in Lieu of Transportation</b>	<b>\$ 1,720</b>
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<b>TOTAL Transportation Expenses:</b>	<b>\$1,888,055</b>



# Annual Cost Savings

- Elimination of High School busing services to and from school will save approximately \$141,700.
- Reduction to State Minimum Requirements (2-mile cut-off zones for busing) will save an estimated \$186,660 annually.
- **Total Estimated Annual Savings:**  
**\$328,360**



# How Will Levy Passage or Failure Further Impact Transportation?

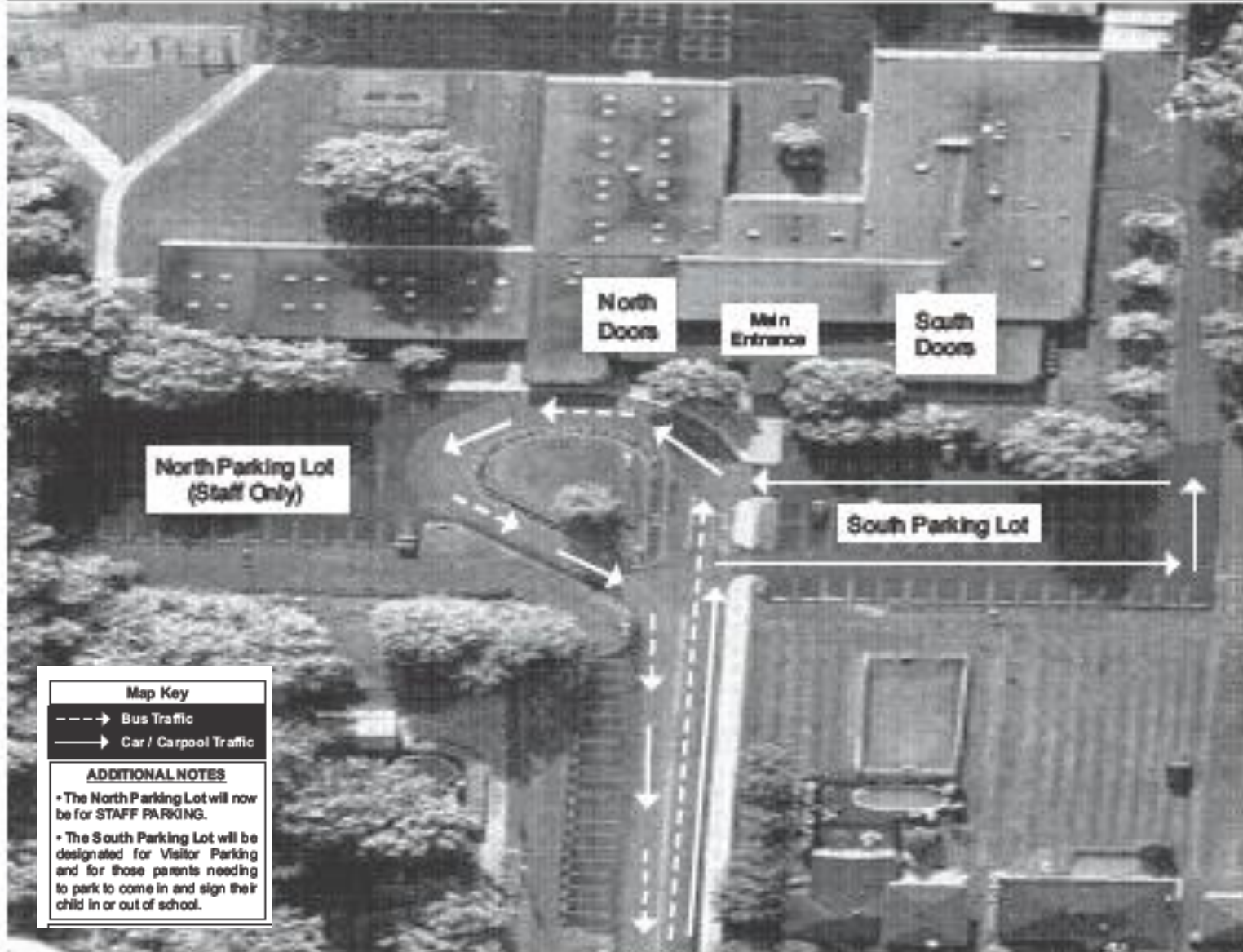
- **Passage** of February 2010 Levy will restore K-8 transportation services within approx. 3 weeks.
- High School busing will not return this school year.
- **Failure** of February 2010 Levy will mean continued operation at minimum bus service levels.



# Building Entry/Exit Logistics Maps

- Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center
- Falls-Lenox Primary School
- Olmsted Falls Intermediate School
- Olmsted Falls Middle School

# Olmsted Falls Early Childhood Center



## Map Key

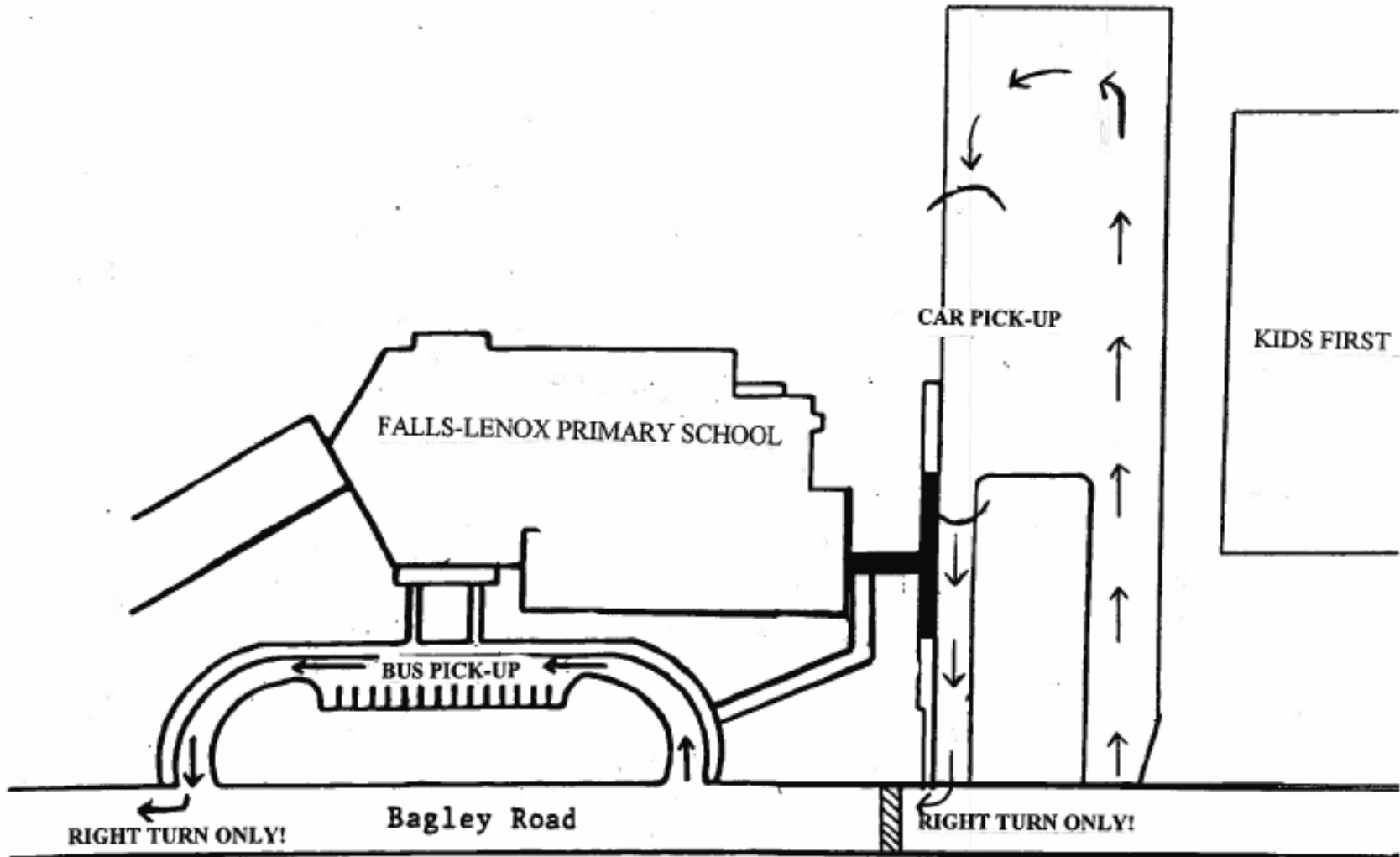
- > Bus Traffic
- > Car / Carpool Traffic

## ADDITIONAL NOTES

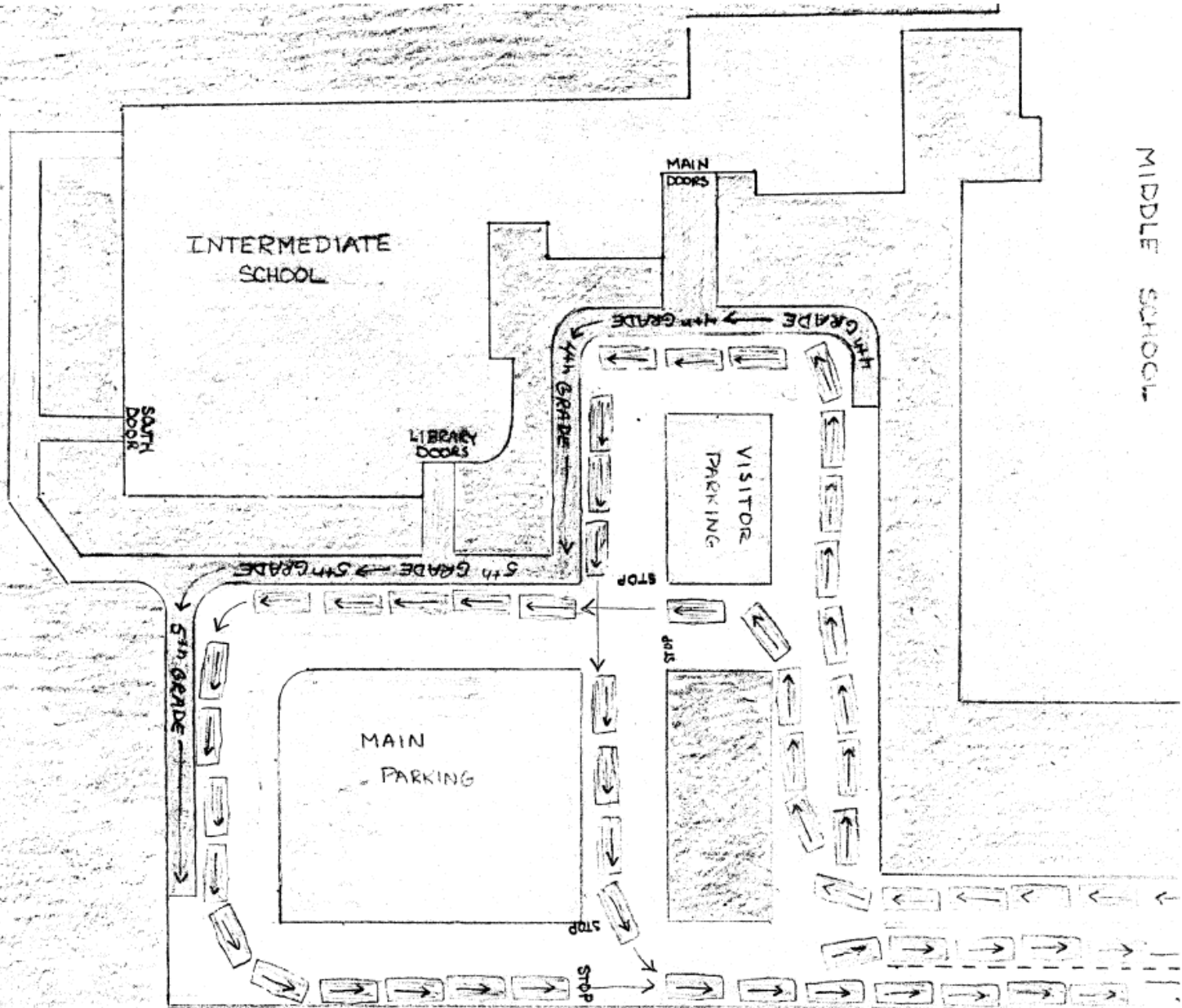
- The North Parking Lot will now be for STAFF PARKING.
- The South Parking Lot will be designated for Visitor Parking and for those parents needing to park to come in and sign their child in or out of school.

Entrance From  
Fitch Road

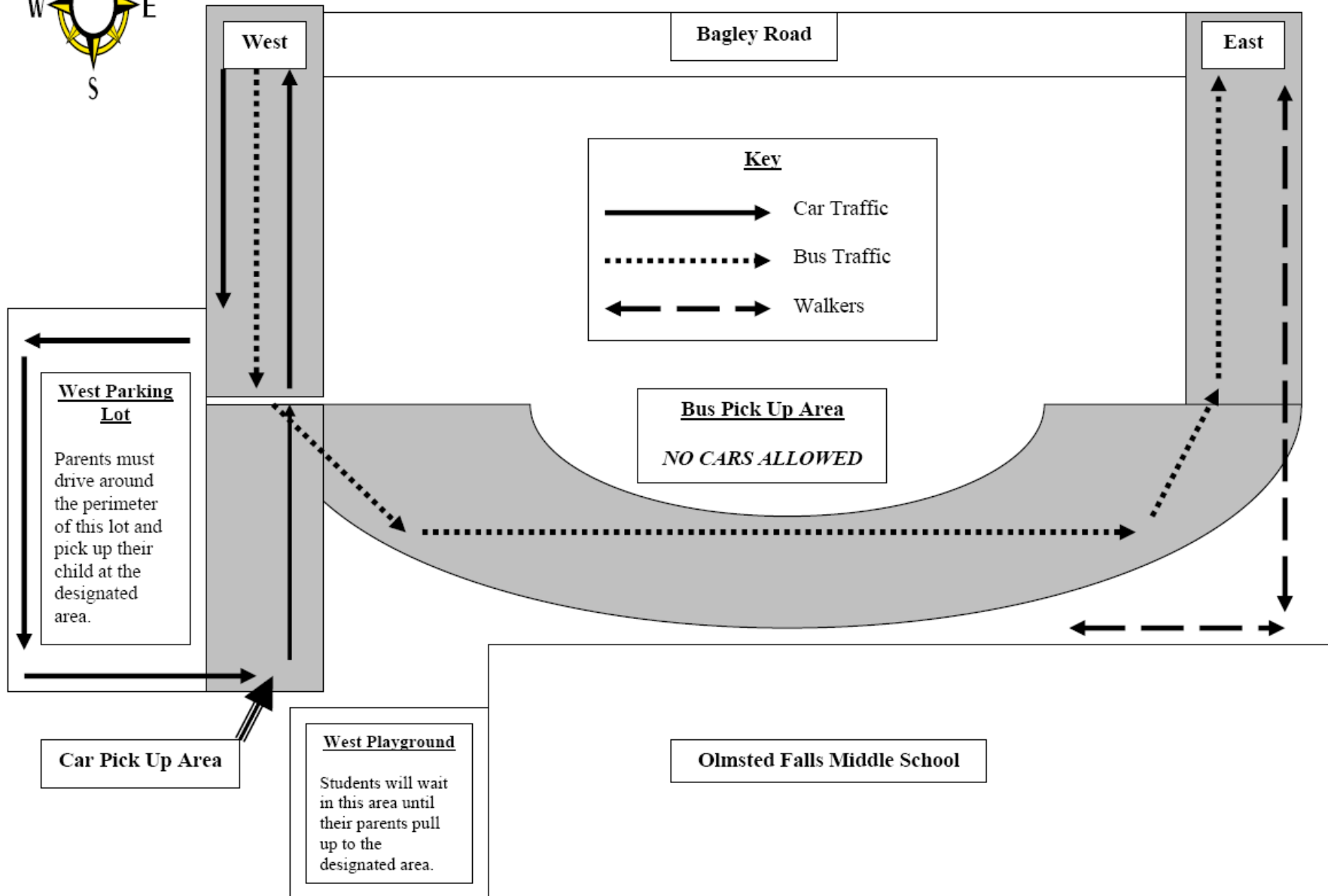
# Falls-Lenox Primary School



# Olmsted Falls Intermediate School



Olmsted Falls Middle School  
Entry & Exit Logistics Map  
January 4, 2010







# Questions?



# **Legal Requirements Information**



# State Minimum Busing Requirements

- **Minimum Busing Requirements Ohio Revised Code 3327.01**

“In all...school districts where resident school pupils in grades kindergarten through eight live **more than two miles** from school...the board of education shall provide transportation for such pupils...”



# Expansion of Neighborhood Bus Stops

- Section 3301.83.13 of the Ohio Administrative Code allows school districts to designate bus pick-up and drop-off locations up to a distance of  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from a student's residence.



# District Legal Requirements for High School Busing

Ohio Revised Code 3327.01  
Transportation of Pupils

“...the board **may** provide transportation for resident pupils in grades nine through twelve to and from the high school to which they are assigned...or to and from the nonpublic or community high school which they attend...”



# District Legal Requirements for High School Busing

- By law (ORC 3327.01), Olmsted Falls School District must maintain high school busing services for:
  1. For transportation of special education students (whose Individual Education Plan currently calls for transportation services due to their disability)
  2. For transportation of students to and from Olmsted Falls High School to the Polaris Career Center



# Why Can't District Just Charge Parents for Busing Services?

Section 3301-83-16 of Ohio Administrative Code (Non-routine use of school buses, Letter B, Costs) states, “No pupil charge may be made for transporting pupils to and from regular day classes and other educational field trips on school days.”



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