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January 22, 2021

Dear Moanalua Elementary Families,

As many of you know, our traffic flow after school has been "evolving" as more students come onto campus. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we have had to adjust to all of the dynamics involved with many parents now having to pick up their children at the end of the day.

We feel like we are now in a pretty good flow and are able to get all of our students picked up within 15 minutes. That's a lot quicker than the beginning of the year! Starting Monday, our traffic volume will increase as we welcome back our 3rd graders in the front parking lot, and our 4th through 6th graders in the back lot in the coming weeks. Unfortunately, we do not anticipate traffic getting better.

Because of the higher volume, we are concerned about three things:

1. Our neighbors who live along Mahiole and the surrounding streets are unable to drive in and out of their neighborhood due to our traffic.
2. Our buses have been caught in the traffic and have struggled to get access to school.
3. The time it takes for our families to pick up their children after school.

In our quest to find solutions, **we have to re-adjust our traffic flow for after-school pick up only.**

Starting Monday, January 25th:

1. We are no longer allowing two lanes to turn into our front parking lot. This means that our Kindergarten families will need to stay in the far right lane only while on Mahiole St. After turning into our parking lot, you THEN may form a second lane just for Kindergarten.
2. We are also eliminating the opportunity to turn LEFT into our front parking lot from Mahiole St. Only right hand turns will be allowed. By doing this, our neighbors will be able to drive freely in and out of the neighborhood and allow our buses access to the school at all times.
3. We are re-doing some internal protocols to hopefully create more efficiencies on the Kindergarten side.

Please understand that we are well aware of the challenges involved with picking up students from our lot after school. We appreciate your flexibility and patience as we continue to navigate this very difficult year. As more students come on campus, we will continue to re-evaluate and try to find more efficient ways to manage our traffic problems after school. In the meantime, we invite your thoughts and ideas as to how we can best take care of our neighbors, our buses, and those who have to pick up their students after school.

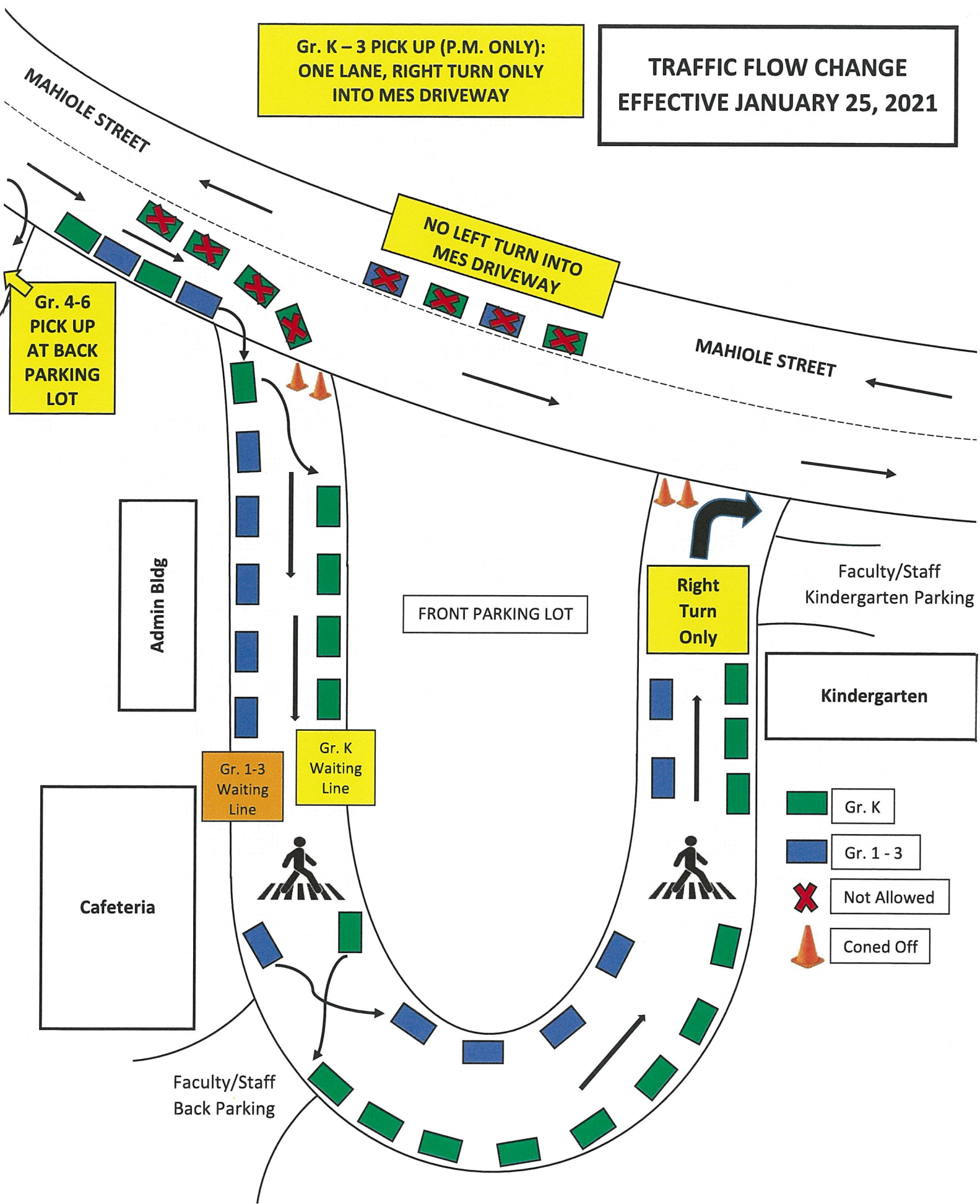
Next week, we will have a "transition period" to educate our families about this new procedure. Anyone who creates a second lane or attempts to turn left will be informed about the new procedures. This grace period will end the following week. Here are some reminders about our procedures:

- Please have a sign in your car window with your child's name and classroom number/teacher
- Upon exiting our driveway, only right-hand turns are allowed.
- Siblings
 - If there is a Kindergarten sibling - pick up/drop off at KINDERGARTEN side (front lot)
 - If there is a grade 4-6 sibling (not Kinder) - pick up/drop off at 4-6 side (back lot/community park)
- For safety purposes, please have your child/ren exit and enter your car from the curb-side only.

Thank you,
Brian Carpenter
Vice Principal, Moanalua Elementary School

**TRAFFIC FLOW CHANGE
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 25, 2021**

**Gr. K – 3 PICK UP (P.M. ONLY):
ONE LANE, RIGHT TURN ONLY
INTO MES DRIVEWAY**



**Gr. 4-6
PICK UP
AT BACK
PARKING
LOT**

**NO LEFT TURN INTO
MES DRIVEWAY**

**Right
Turn
Only**

**Gr. 1-3
Waiting
Line**

**Gr. K
Waiting
Line**

FRONT PARKING LOT

Kindergarten

- Gr. K
- Gr. 1 - 3
- X Not Allowed
- Coned Off

Admin Bldg

Cafeteria

Faculty/Staff
Back Parking

Faculty/Staff
Kindergarten Parking