

## **EDGERTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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Dear Staff, Parents, Students and Visitors,

Good morning. We wanted to send an update regarding the upcoming construction project, as it's been a while since our last communication. Yesterday afternoon, we held a preconstruction meeting with the contractors and project managers. While much of the meeting focused on planning details and construction jargon, there are a few key takeaways we want to share with you.

**Starting Monday, May 5**, we will lose access to the **north-south parking lot** from the **shop door southward**. This area will be closed off with temporary barricades, saw horses, and posted notifications. As a result:

- The student parking lot will become staff parking.
- Students will need to park off-site during this phase.

That same week, construction trailers will arrive, and fencing will begin to establish the main work zone.

Here's an update on the temporary student and visitor parking lot:

The district had hoped to have the house on the horseshoe lot removed and replaced with a gravel lot by now. Unfortunately, we encountered a delay. Before demolition, the home had to be tested for asbestos. Results came back showing 2% asbestos, which is over the state limit of 1%, requiring professional removal. Mr. Buckridge has arranged for a licensed company to perform the abatement, but we must wait for that process to be completed before Hulstein's can install the gravel lot.

Along with the parking changes, we will also lose access to our **main entrance**, **Door #1**. That area will soon be barricaded and unavailable to staff, students, or visitors.

**Door #25 (the south lobby or "horseshoe" door)** will become our new **main entrance** for parents and visitors during the school day. Ideally, the intercom and security systems will be relocated by Friday, May 2, but this depends on coordination with the vendor. Mr. Buckridge is actively working to schedule this change.

For safety reasons, we are asking all students, parents, and visitors not to park on Trosky Road during school hours. With construction trucks coming and going, this area presents a serious safety risk and needs to remain clear for visibility and access.

As this is a major change to our daily routines, we ask for your help in spreading the word about these updates. The more people who are aware, the smoother the transition will be for everyone. For now, this is the latest information we have. We will continue to provide updates as more details become available. Thank you again for your understanding and support during this project.