

Greetings Bakie School Community,

The information below provides information on one of the more difficult aspects of our return to in person school. We understand that due to the COVID-19 pandemic that the number of parents picking up and dropping off their children will increase significantly. This creates challenges for a neighborhood elementary school with limited parking space. Please read the information below as it outlines the expectations we will have during the return to school. As we are able to become more efficient, we will adjust as needed.

We do expect that our drop off and pick up process will be long next week and your patience and support is greatly appreciated.

### **What are the start and end times for Bakie School?**

- The start time for Bakie School is 8:35AM and the end time is 3:15PM. On an early release day, students will be dismissed at 1:15PM.

### **Will my child be marked tardy if drop off at Bakie is delayed on the opening days of in person school?**

- No, students will not be marked tardy. Both Mr. McCluskey (Memorial) and I are aware that these first days will be a learning experience for us all. Both schools will be supportive and understanding as we transition to in person school.

### **How will bus transportation work?**

- Salter Bus Company (1-800-479-6433) has published initial bus routes and they can be found [here](#). These may be adjusted once we know how many students will be riding the bus. Salter is planning to limit each bus to 25 students. This will allow one student per seat. Only siblings will be allowed to share seats. Buses should arrive at Bakie between 8:25AM - 8:35AM each morning. Upon arrival, students will leave the bus and head directly to their classroom.

### **What will drop off look like once we return to school for Tier 2 instruction on October 26th?**

- Bus drop off will occur at the west side of the building (directly across from the Sanborn Seminary).
- Car drop-off will occur on the west side of the building (directly across from Swasey Gym). **Please review this [map](#) to see an aerial view of our drop-off/pick-up procedures.**
- It is important to note that parking in the Swasey Gym and walking across Main Street is no longer an option for safety reasons.

### **What will pick up look like once we return to school for Tier Two instruction on October 26th?**

- Please look for an email from PickUp Patrol and indicate how your child is getting home. This is where you can indicate if you will be picking up your child or if they will be taking the bus. If you did not receive an email from Pick Up Patrol, contact Jeanie Simpson [jsimpson@sau17.net](mailto:jsimpson@sau17.net).
- At the end of the day, students will be dismissed to buses on the east end of the building (directly across from Swasey Gym).
- Parent pick up will occur using the west entrance (directly across from the old Sanborn Seminary building)
  - If you plan on picking your child up from school, again, please indicate that into PickUp Patrol.
  - Students will be located outside, by grade level. We ask that parents do not get out of their vehicle. Please see the chart below for our staggered pick up schedule. The schedule is meant to minimize traffic congestion, especially during these first few days as we are transitioning to in person learning.

### **Will the YMCA be offering a before/after school care program this year?**

- The YMCA will be running before/after school care starting Monday, October 26th. Details and registration information can be found [here](#). All questions should be directed to [SACCinfo@sdymca.org](mailto:SACCinfo@sdymca.org).

### **Where do I drop off / pick up my child for the YMCA program?**

- The drop off and pick up location for the YMCA at Bakie School is at the main entrance (where it has been in past years). The YMCA will provide a phone number for you to call when you arrive.

### **How will my child(ren) who are attending the YMCA program get to/from Memorial School to Bakie School and back again in the afternoon?**

- As a reminder, families can attend the YMCA before/after school care program for their elementary children **at the town of your residence**. Students will be transported by bus to their appropriate school in the morning and returned to their “hometown” school in the afternoon.
- In order to make sure your child is able to take advantage of this option, Newton students must be checked in at the Bakie School YMCA before school program no later than 8:00AM and Kingston students must be checked in at the Bakie School YMCA before school program no later than 7:45AM.
- Students will be transported on the **Purple Bus** to their neighborhood school for before and after school YMCA programs.

- For the after school programs, the Purple Bus should arrive at your child's neighborhood school approximately 20 minutes after dismissal.
  - If your child misses the after school Purple Bus for any reason, they will be checked into the after school YMCA program at the school they attend and will need to be picked up at that location. A phone call will be made to that child's parent immediately to share this information.