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Dear parents and guardians:

Hopefully by now you have heard of the Town's plans to replace aged water and sewer mains along Putnam, Fremont and Jefferson Streets. The DPW considers this project essential and its timeliness critical. We have been working with the schools, Town safety officials, the Chamber of Commerce, our engineers, the MWRA and residents, like you, to plan this project in a manner that is safe and still productive. Unfortunately our best efforts to have portions of the work occur over the summer months were unsuccessful, resulting in the need to reduce road width to one lane on Pauline and Walden Streets for much of the month of September.

It is the intent of this letter to offer guidance and advice that will maximize safety, and minimize inconvenience, recognizing that construction by its nature is always disruptive. This work will effect the operations of the Middle School, The Cummings School and the EB Newton School. Below are instructions for each facility:

The Middle School: Due to restricted flow on Pauline and Walden Streets, drop off traffic is encouraged to use Waldemar Ave, Wheelock St and Brookfield Rd. To the extent possible vehicles should enter and exit the area from the West. While there will be drop off opportunities on Pauline Street access will be greatly limited.

The Cummings School: Restrictions on Pauline and Walden Streets will require that traffic **must** enter from the east. The traffic will flow as it historically has done, where it will enter from Pauline and exit to Hermon and will travel in one direction only. A dedicated stacking lane will be established on Pauline Street. Left turns into School Street **will be prohibited**. We remind you that drop offs along Hermon Street or in the fire lane on Pauline Street are prohibited and will be aggressively enforced during this project.

Please advise children under your care to use extra caution, to respect closed sidewalk, streets and construction zones and follow the instructions of Police officers. To the extent that you are able to plan your actions and combine your errands to minimize traffic trips to the area, you will improve safety and reduce delays. Car-pooling, walking or bike riding may be great options during this period. We greatly appreciate your understanding of the situation. If you have questions or unique concerns, please feel free to contact the DPW at 617 846 1341.

Very Truly Yours,

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