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Dear SS. Cyril & Philomena Families,

I am reaching out regarding ongoing concerns about parked and idling cars on Highland Avenue during arrival and dismissal times within the academic year. As you may know, there are five school districts and several day care centers that transport students to and from SS. Cyril & Philomena on a daily basis. School buses and vans need full access to the Highland Avenue traffic lanes to ensure that students are dropped off and picked up safely. The school has communicated in person as well as in writing to all enrolled families that adults who drop off their students must park in the Municipal Lot across the street from the school so that students can be walked across Highland Avenue to the parish/school parking lot. Unfortunately, this protocol is not always being followed, which causes a risk to pedestrian safety, as well as a traffic backup to Baltimore Avenue during peak travel times.

Beginning on the first day of school (August 27th, 2024), **ALL** vehicles must park in the Municipal Lot to drop off and pick up students, and an adult must accompany their student(s) to be transported across Highland Avenue by our Borough Crossing Guard. The Lansdowne Police, Crossing Guard, and/or a designated Parking Enforcement official will be present between 7:15 a.m. - 7:40 a.m. during arrival time and between 2:30 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. at dismissal time to ensure that this procedure is being followed. SS. Cyril & Philomena School has also mailed home transportation forms to be completed by the first day of school so that all adults who transport students to the school are aware. It is imperative that students arrive at school by 7:40 a.m. daily and are picked up promptly at dismissal. Failure to adhere to the Arrival/Dismissal protocol may result in a citation and fine from Lansdowne Police Department.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the school at 610.623.1113, or the primary Lansdowne Police Department number at 610.623.0700 to speak with an official from the Police Department.

Sincerely,

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