



City Honors School

AT FOSDICK-MASTEN PARK

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November 1, 2022

CHS Families:

I am writing to notify you of temporary changes to our student drop-off and pick up procedures that are needed to complete the restoration of Fosdick Field. **Beginning Sunday, November 6, Fosdick Street will be closed to all traffic and barriers will be installed by the Department of Public Works. The street will remain closed while we show we can adjust to the new conditions.** This could be a time period as short as two weeks. All of our metro and yellow bus arrangements will remain exactly the same. However, traffic arrangements for parents driving their students, as well as visitors to the building, will temporarily change. We will also adjust the time that parents may pick-up middle school students at the end of the day to 3:05pm. The City Council is requiring this 'test-run' to see if the plan for parent transportation after Fosdick Street is eliminated will be effective. We **MUST** succeed at this required test-run.

I ask that you very carefully review the attached maps which explain adjusted procedures for parent traffic at arrival and dismissal. We will send additional emails sharing ways your family can help to make the test-run successful, and in response to frequently asked questions. **On Thursday, November 3, at 7:00pm, I will be hosting a Teams Live presentation about this topic and answering your questions.** A link will be emailed to all families. If you have any questions or concerns prior to or during the test run, I ask that you direct all inquiries to ParentTraffic@cityhonors.org.

Over the past week, I have briefed our teacher and parent leadership on this matter. They are in agreement that we must find a way to make this test-run work for the benefit of future generations of students and our neighbors. While this news is short notice for many of our families, our neighbors and the school community have been working toward restoring this green space for almost 18 years.

The planned streetscape, signs and street painting are not currently in place as they will be when the campus is officially restored. There are other features that are missing or different from what our plan after construction will look like. There are currently temporary traffic barriers on both Michigan and Best Streets due to construction projects adjacent to the school. These barriers significantly narrow the streets and will affect the flow of traffic during the test run. In addition, the plans for Fosdick Field include a short-term visitor drive and grade 5/6 parent pick-up/drop-off service lane for the northeast corner of Fosdick Field. There are wider sidewalks planned as well as pathways through the restored campus to make the walk from vehicles easier for our students. We must quickly train our families about these new traffic patterns whereas we typically have months to do so.

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Here is some additional information for those who have not been as closely attached to this topic until now. For nearly 100 years, Fosdick Field graced the front of our school and served as a community greenspace for both students and the Fruit Belt and Cold Springs neighborhoods. In 1977 Fosdick Street was constructed, bisecting the school campus. A housing complex was built atop Fosdick Field. These housing units were demolished in 2013, creating the opportunity to reunite the full campus. We are fortunate to have a school board and a superintendent, Dr. Tonja Williams, who are prepared to quickly make this a reality. This project will offer our students a permanent space right on campus to enjoy recess, physical education and athletics. Just as importantly, we will be returning an open-access resource and some of the natural beauty that was taken from the neighborhood without resident consent in the 1970s.

In order to proceed, the City Council must approve the removal of Fosdick Street. Over the course of the past year, [an extensive study](#) was commissioned by the City Council, completed and submitted in August by civil engineers from C&S Companies. This study:

- Discussed the problematic nature of Fosdick Street
- Concluded that both parking and parent transportation at the school could be accomplished without Fosdick Street
- Offered additional steps the City could take to make traffic operations, parking and pedestrian accommodations work more effectively in the area surrounding the school.

You may have seen the renderings of the vision of a restored Fosdick Field at [RestoreOurField.org](#). If you have not, I would encourage you to review them. Although Fosdick Street has been used primarily for school purposes since the demolition of the housing complex, the street is more problematic than beneficial:

- In order to access the greenspace, our students must cross this city street, creating a significant safety hazard.
- It creates two additional street crossings if our students need navigate to and from Main Street transportation.
- Cars turning onto busy and narrow Best Street create congestion and additional safety issues.

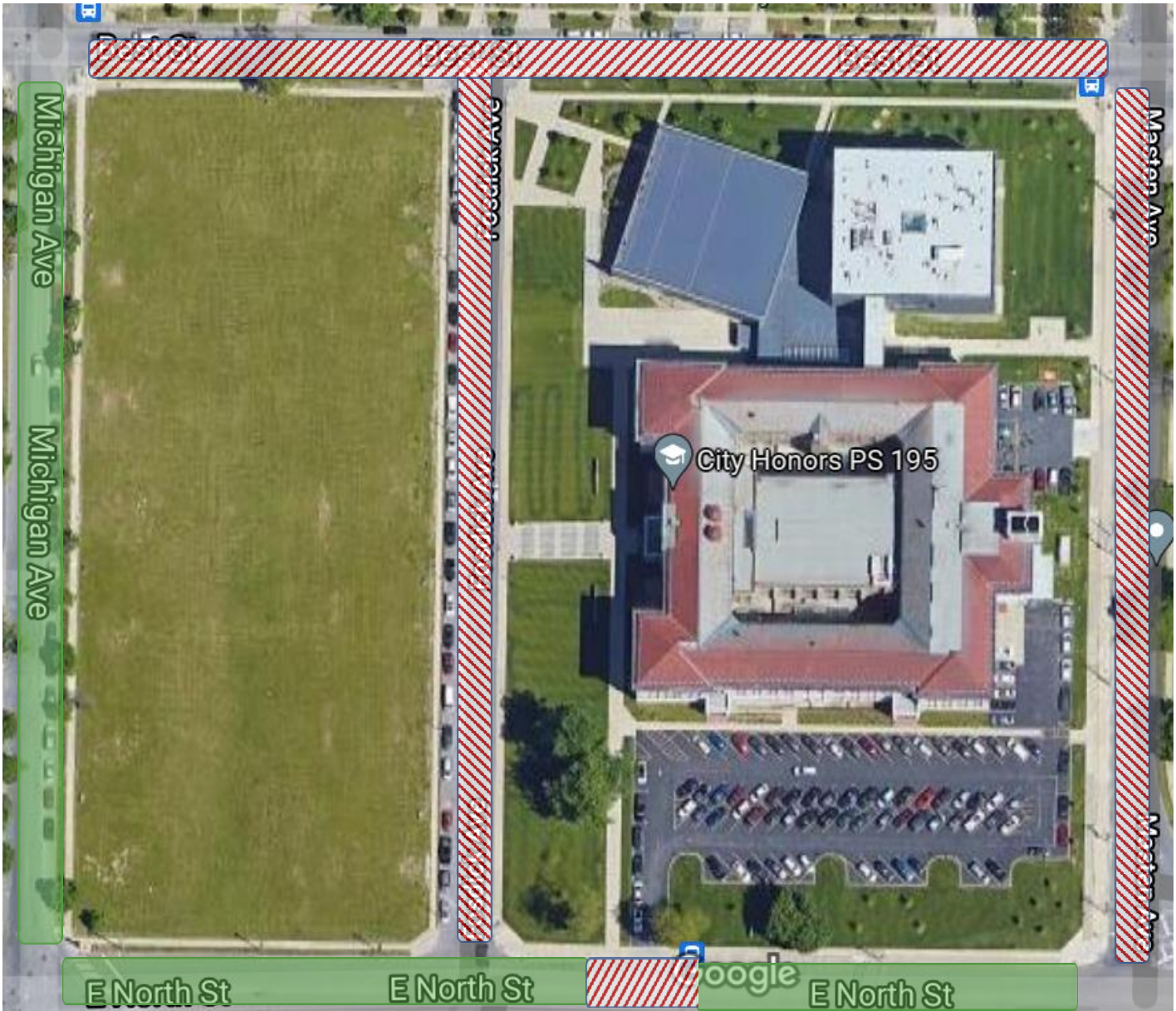
I thank you for your support of this short-term effort which will have an incalculable impact on the future of our students and our neighborhood.

Sincerely,



William A. Kresse, Ph.D.
Principal

CHS Parent AM Drop-Off – All Grades
 During Traffic ‘Test-Run’ Starting November 7, 2022

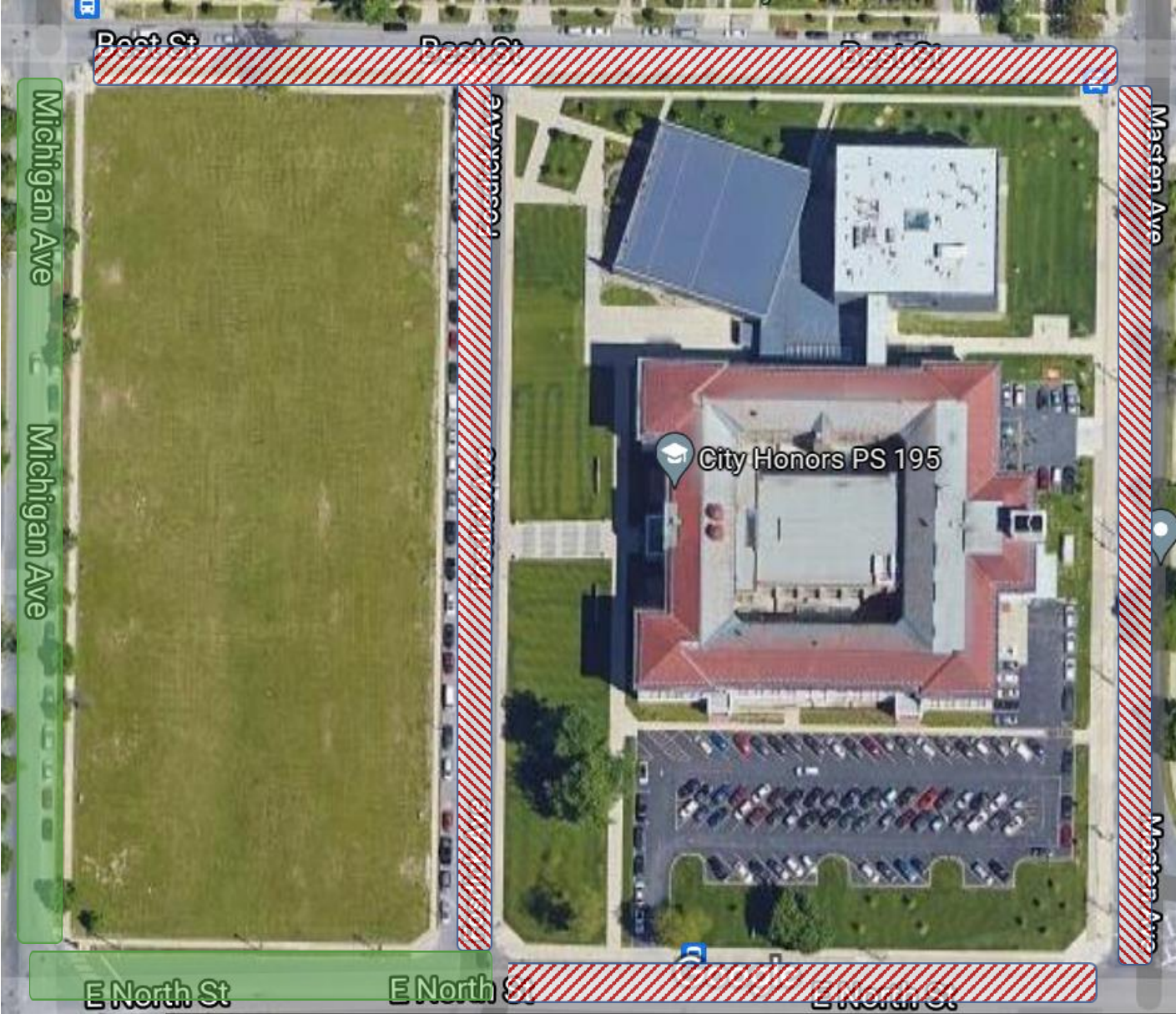


	Yes! Parent Drop-off (Green)
	NO Parent Drop-off (Red Stripes)

CHS Parent PM Pick-up

During Traffic 'Test-Run' Starting November 7, 2022

Students in Grades 9-12 at 2:45 pm



Yes! Parent Pick-up (Green)	
NO Parent Pick-up (Red Stripes)	

CHS Parent PM Pick-up

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Students in Grades 7 and 8 at 3:05pm-3:30pm

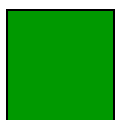
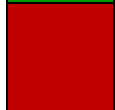


	Yes! Parent Pick-up (Green)
	NO Parent Pick-up (Red Stripes)

**CHS Parent PM Pick Up/Sign-Out in Atrium on Masten Side
During Traffic ‘Test-Run’ Starting November 7, 2022**

Students in Grades 5 and 6, 3:05pm-3:30pm



	Yes! Parent Pick-up (Green)
	NO Parent Pick Up (Red Stripes)