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Dear Clinton Community:

At this week's school council meeting, we discussed the TDSB's Safe Arrival and Safe Dismissal policy. The actual policy document was attached in the same email that contained this edition of the Chronicle. As we have mentioned previously, we place the utmost importance on student safety at Clinton Street PS and we are always examining our current practice to look for ways in which we can improve. We discuss issues of safety at each of our staff meetings and we will do so again during our meeting on May 23.

With roughly a dozen different buses and taxis providing transportation for our students to and from school each day, we ensure that we assist our students so that they board and leave the vehicles safely. For our students who arrive and dismiss from the west side of our school each day, we ensure that staff are on duty both before and after the school day to help with the process of safely arriving and departing.

When you read the TDSB policy, you will see that from kindergarten to Grade 3, the students are to be released to a parent or authorized caregiver at the end of the day. When the student is in Grade 4 or older, the child is allowed to walk home on their own if the parent has provided the school with a note indicating that permission has been granted. At Clinton, if the student is waiting for a parent or caregiver, and that adult is running a bit late, the student is to remain with the teacher on duty outside until 3:45 and then, if the adult has yet to arrive, be brought to the office. Also, if you are picking up your child prior to dismissal, you are to sign them out from the office.

Another piece of Clinton Street PS' safe dismissal policy is to ensure that we work in concert with the Centro Clinton Daycare for all the students who move from the school to the daycare at the end of the day. The school and the daycare staff are in frequent communication to ensure that we have a smooth and safe transition from the classrooms to the daycare spaces.

As a means of enhancing our practice we would like to ask the Clinton Community to remind their children of the school procedures mentioned above. If a student is waiting for an adult, they are to wait with the teacher on duty until the designated adult arrives. After 3:45 p.m., they will be safely supervised in the office. We want all our Cougars to have an engaging, fun, and safe spring. We appreciate your support.

We wish you all a wonderful weekend, and hope that the Leafs are still playing hockey after Saturday.

Thank you,

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