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New 'Do Not Enter' signs installed on Chestnut Street to help alleviate traffic and safety concerns during student arrival and dismissal



Four new 'Do Not Enter' signs have been installed along Chestnut Street near Columbus Magnet School and Side By Side Charter School to help ensure safe routes to school for students, motorists, and pedestrians. The signs will be in operation coinciding with the arrival and dismissal of students.

(Norwalk, Conn.) - To help ensure safe routes to school for students, motorists, and pedestrians near Columbus Magnet School and Side By Side Charter School, new digital 'Do Not Enter' signs have been installed. The signs are located at the intersections of Chestnut Street and Concord Street, and Chestnut Street and Henry Street. When the signs are in operation, which coincides with the arrival and dismissal of students, northbound travel on Chestnut Street from Concord Street to Monroe Street will be prohibited.

"This is about the safety of students, drivers, and pedestrians. The area gets incredibly busy when students are coming and going, and the new signage will help alleviate some of these concerns," said Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling. "After listening to feedback from the public and police, something had to be done. I appreciate the Department of Transportation, Mobility, and Parking for analyzing the traffic in the area and implementing these changes."

Last week, the Norwalk Department of Transportation, Mobility, and Parking were putting the finishing touches on the new digital signs, with batteries that are powered by solar panels. 'Do Not Enter' signs previously existed at the corner of Chestnut and Concord, but were replaced with updated signage. The signs at the intersection of Chestnut and Henry are new. Motorists are advised to take note of the newly

installed signage which will be in operation when students arrive and are dismissed from school. This will be true for regular schedules, delayed openings, or early dismissals. Chestnut Street between Henry Street and Monroe Street - an area that is currently one-way - will reopen to two-way travel at all other hours of the day which will improve traffic flow in the area.

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Located in Connecticut in the heart of Fairfield County, the City of Norwalk is a diverse community rich in culture and personality. Uniquely situated on Long Island Sound, Norwalk has a vibrant Urban Core, remarkable schools, and beautiful beaches and parks. As of the 2017 United States Census Bureau estimate, Norwalk's population was nearly 90,000, making it Connecticut's sixth-largest city. Find out why Norwalk is the Sound of Connecticut by visiting norwalkct.org.