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# SAFETY ALERT

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VEHICLE PARKING ON SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS

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District staff are reminded that school playgrounds should not be used for vehicle parking<sup>1</sup>. Motor oil, hydraulic fluids and other substances often leak from vehicles resulting in a potential slip hazard to school occupants during subsequent play activities.

Students may also be unnecessarily exposed to these substances through direct contact with affected playground surfaces. In addition, playgrounds are not typically designed to withstand the weight of vehicle traffic, which can create uneven surfaces and pavement deterioration.

Circumstances may arise where the Site Administrator (Principal) determines that temporary parking of vehicles on a playground is necessary. If such a determination is made, the Site Administrator should consult with Maintenance and Operations to ensure the proposed use will not cause damage to the playground surface. Additionally, an inspection of the area should be conducted immediately following the event to identify any damage to the playground surface or the presence of oil, antifreeze or other substances. Any affected areas should be cordoned off and repaired and/or cleaned using methods that may include the application of absorbents and high pressure detergent washing. These methods should be selected in consultation with the Local District Maintenance Area.

For assistance or guidance, contact the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) at (213) 241-3199. Report damaged pavement to Maintenance & Operations by placing a trouble call at (213) 745-1600.

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<sup>1</sup> This policy does not apply to vehicles used by Maintenance and Operations staff for the purpose of accessing and servicing school facilities.

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