

# Arlington School District Community

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## **August 26, 2024- TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPDATE**

Many of you have noticed or will notice that the traffic light on U.S. Route 68 in front of our school building has been replaced with rapid flashing beacons. By pressing the button on the sign, the sign will flash to alert road traffic of the crosswalk. This decision was not made by the school. We were aware of this change when the light was replaced with the beacons.

If you have a student walking who needs to cross Main Street, please speak to them about using caution. Students need to understand that activating the flashers will not result in immediate stoppage of oncoming traffic. Students need to know that both directions must be at a complete standstill, and to make eye contact with the drivers of both lanes, before crossing. One of the biggest concerns would be that a young child would believe that by pushing the button, he or she would have activated the flashers and now have instant ability to cross. Please take time to discuss this matter with your children!

In response to the change in traffic signals, Arlington School District will be utilizing the School Resource Officer, Brett Turner, to assist at the crosswalk from 7:45-8:00 and 3:00-3:15. In the case of another emergency, or in the SRO's absence, another assigned staff member will cover this post. Please do not send students earlier than 7:45 as this post will not be supervised at that time. In addition to the SRO presence as crosswalk guide, we will also be utilizing a flashing/light up hand-held stop sign while students cross.

Main Street has always posed a risk to our walkers with high traffic; please be patient and cautious and talk to your children about this change.

Sincerely,

Kevin Haight, Mark Verroco, Scott Marcum, Deputy Brett Turner