

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

CHANGE IN ELEMENTARY DISMISSAL POLICY

Please be advised that effective Tuesday February 10th, 2015 there will be a change made to Bark River-Harris Elementary dismissal procedures.

On December 17th, Bark River-Harris School District experienced what we thought was an unauthorized removal of a student from school grounds. This incident resulted in an extensive investigation by multiple law enforcement agencies and the school district. Thankfully, the incident was resolved and the student was not harmed nor was removed from the school without authorization. However, this scare has resulted in a comprehensive review of our practices by our faculty and by law enforcement. As an outcome of this review, it has been determined the following changes shall be made to ensure student safety:

- 1) Students will no longer be allowed to be picked up at the back door (Exit M).
- 2) The parent pick up point will now be at room 190 – we are asking all students and staff to no longer park in the side lot to free up parking for parents. We are asking parents to enter and exit through this side door (Exit G). Students will not be allowed to be picked up at any other entrance.
- 3) If there is a change in your pick up plans, you must notify the office of that change by 2:30 p.m. of that day.
- 4) Room 190 will be staffed with an employee to supervise the children until 3:20 p.m. and parents are required to go to room 190 to sign your son/daughter out before 3:20 p.m.

Our goal is to reduce congestion in the hallways and to provide a means for ensuring that our students are being picked up by authorized parents/guardians. We do not desire to inconvenience anyone. We feel these changes are minimal, yet provide enhanced security measures for our students. We appreciate your understanding. Furthermore, to guarantee a smooth transition, we plan to communicate these changes to you as a reminder up until the date of the effective change (2/10/15). Your teachers will be sending additional reminders and will be prepared to talk with you about these changes during our February 5th Parent-Teacher Conferences. I would also encourage anyone who has a concern about this policy to come speak with either myself or your son/daughter's teacher prior to the effective start date to reduce/eliminate any frustrations. I can be reached at jlockwood@brhschools.org or (906) 466-9981 ext 116.

Thank you and GO BRONCOS!

ATTACHMENT: Map of Building

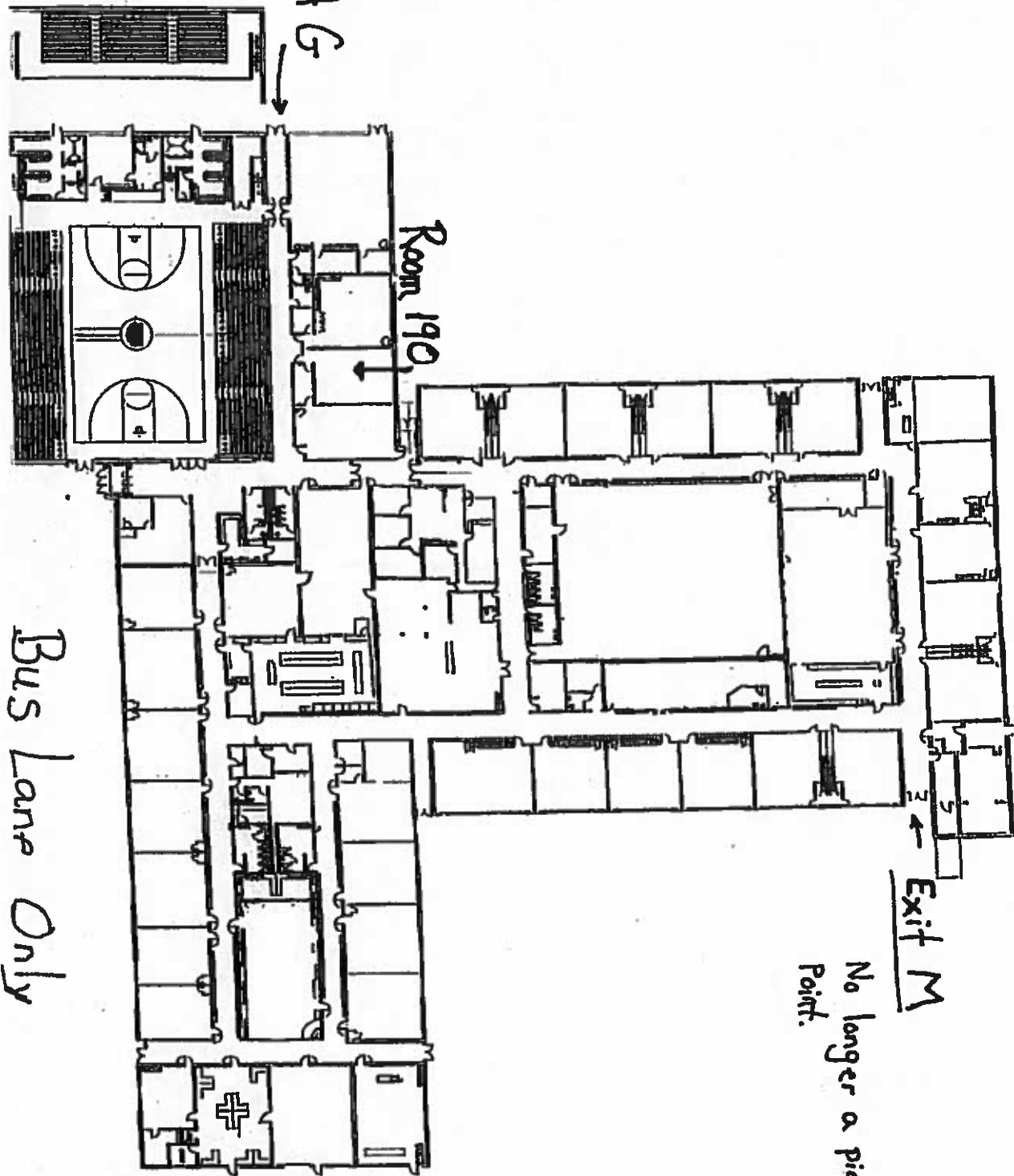
Parking

Exit G

Room 190

Exit M

No longer a pick up Point.



Bus Lane Only