

Grimmer parents,

You may have noticed that NIPSCO is working in the area to upgrade electric poles and circuits. This work is currently taking place on Lincolnwood Ave. (aka Alexander St. south of 77th Avenue). On **March 12th**, NIPSCO contractors will begin working along 77th Ave. This work will take place on the south side of the road and is expected to last until **early June**. During the period of construction, one lane will remain open at all times. Traffic control signs and construction flaggers will be in place to safely guide pedestrians through this area. I am sending out this message to inform you of this work as safety is critically important to Lake Central School Corporation, the Town of Schererville, and NIPSCO.

NIPSCO will not begin work until 9:00 AM weekday mornings and will conclude around 5:00 PM each day. This means our morning drop off **should not** be impacted by this project. However, after school pick up will be a bit more challenging. During pick up, you should expect one lane to be open and traffic to be slow. For the safety of everyone, plan ahead and exercise patience if you need to pick up your child from school. If your child is a walker, please talk to them and make sure they observe signage in order to take the safest route home. All children are eligible for bus service and it remains a great alternative, specifically during this project. If your child currently walks or is usually picked up in the afternoon, but would like to take advantage of bus service during the construction, please contact the Lake Central Transportation Department at 365-3141 by Friday, March 6th. Once work is completed for the day, both lanes will open up for traffic.

I also plan to make daily announcements at school prior to construction starting on 77th reminding the students to exercise caution and to be aware of their surroundings. I am also working with our School Resource Officer (SRO), Steve Burton, to have an increased police presence during drop off and pick up times to add an additional layer of student safety and security. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

John Alessia, Principal