

MONMOUTH ILLINOIS

Date: July 14, 2020

To: Mayor Davies and Members of the Monmouth City Council

From: Lew Steinbrecher, City Administrator

RE: Temporary Closure of West Archer for Immaculate Conception School

Attached to this cover memorandum is an email from Randy Frakes, Principal of Immaculate Conception School (ICS), requesting the City of Monmouth to temporarily close West Archer Avenue between North A and North B Streets, to ensure the safety of their students and staff. The school is asking that this short section of street be temporarily closed during school hours between 7:30AM and 3:30PM on Mondays through Fridays. The closure would improve safety measures for students during arrival and dismissal times while enhancing physical distancing upon entering the school building. It will also improve the safety of students crossing the street during recess, to access the grass-covered playground area on the north side of West Archer Avenue.

This request has been placed on the agenda for the July 20th Monmouth City Council meeting.

Thank you.

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Cc: Chris Gavin <Chris.Gavin@mbwi.com>

Thu, Jul 9, 2020 at 4:48 PM

Good afternoon,

I want to thank you again for your time this week as we come to the best solution of temporarily closing Archer for the safety of the students and staff at ICS.

ICS is proposing the temporary closure of West Archer between the North A and North B Street. ICS requests that the street be temporarily closed between the school hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The reason for this request is as follows:

- Due to CDC, IDPH, and ISBE school guidelines, ICS will have three points of entrance and exit for our students to begin the school year. In the past, ICS has had one point of entrance for all students. To meet the guidelines and allow for physical distancing upon entering our building one of the new points of entrance will be on the Northside of our building that is off of Archer between North A and North B Street. To minimize and traffic issues the closing of this street would allow for a better flow of traffic and safety to our parents and students at arrival and dismissal times.
- Due to CDC, IDPH, and ISBE school guidelines, ICS will also have to physically distance students during recess time. Having the street temporarily closed during the school day would allow our students and staff to use the street safely as an area to have recess, especially on days when the grass-covered playground area may be unusable due to weather conditions. That space will allow us to meet the guidelines in place to the best of our abilities.

Thank you again for your consideration

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Sincerely in Christ,

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