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School Daze

Tuesday was the first day of school in Grand Rapids. I'm sure the kids were excited, at least the younger ones; I think the parents were a little excited as well. In fact, my observation was that they were a little dazed. It seems they have lost all sense of traffic and parking laws in their quest to get kids to school.

When I went out for my run, 200 yards on both sides of my street were filled with cars near the intersection with the main road. Parents were walking their children into the first day of school. The problem is that there's no parking on one side of the street and no parking for 50 yards from the intersection on the other side of the street. While it may have limited their walk, they created a hazard for anyone trying to leave the area and get to work.



Thus the parents demonstrated two things for their kids: inconvenient laws may be ignored, and you should walk as little as possible.

Parents under stress to get their children to school, saving time by not walking another 100 yards. Seems like back to school isn't very healthy for parents.

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