

# KBDJ

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## **KBDJ RESTRICTING TRUCK TRAFFIC TO PROTECT SCHOOLCHILDREN**

*Quarry challenges other businesses to put children ahead of business*

With the start last week of school in Hays County, KBDJ began fulfilling a promise made earlier in the summer to prevent loaded trucks from leaving the quarry and traveling through a school zone while its warning lights are flashing.

Loaded trucks no longer leave the quarry property between 7:35-8:50 a.m. or 3:20-3:55 p.m., the times that school zone lights flash on FM 967, the road in front of the quarry that also passes Dahlstrom Middle School about a mile and a half to the east of the quarry.

“Concerns were raised about the middle school, and KBDJ has agreed to restrict its operations to make sure that the students can more safely arrive at and leave school,” said Joe Jackson, KBDJ principal. “Meanwhile, we have seen other heavy construction vehicles traveling through that and other Hays County school zones while warning lights are flashing. We encourage other local companies to join us in putting the safety of our children first.”

Trucks that enter and exit the KBDJ property are not owned by KBDJ, and the quarry cannot control the actions of the trucks once they are off the property, Jackson noted.

“Citizens who witness unsafe practices by truck drivers should contact the trucking company and report any dangerous behavior,” Jackson said. “As a community, we’re all responsible for the safety of our children.”

A second safety initiative announced in June by KBDJ – to widen the quarry entrance to allow trucks leaving the quarry to pull out onto FM 967 more safely – is on hold. The site development permit required before work can begin on this project is still pending with the City of Dripping Springs. KBDJ filed the permit application on June 28.

“We’re ready to begin work as soon as the permit is issued,” Jackson said.

Both safety initiatives are voluntary. Traffic in the area is being monitored by the Texas Department of Transportation, which has not asked KBDJ to make any changes in its operations.

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