



Transportation Review

Belleville Schools Town Hall Presentation

March 2023



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Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Student transportation and Tri-Board Student Transportation Services
- Transportation review
- Findings
- Questions/Feedback

Hello!



Student Transportation



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Policy 17: Transportation of Students

- ... will endeavor to provide transportation for any elementary or secondary student who would otherwise be required to walk more than the following distances to the school in which he or she would normally be enrolled or to the nearest existing bus route to that school.

STUDENT MAXIMUM WALKING DISTANCES

Grade Level	Distance To School	Distance To Bus Pick-up
Jr. Kindergarten to Grade 6	1.6 km	0.8 km
Grade 7 & 8	3.2 km	1.6 km
Grade 9 to 12	3.2 Km	1.6 km

Procedure 590: Transportation of Students

- Provides additional information on:
 - Eligibility distance
 - Exception zones
 - Special circumstances
 - Elective learning

Procedure 590: Transportation of Students

Section 16: Elective Learning Program Transportation

a) Students enrolled in an elective learning program may be eligible to attend schools that are outside the student's attendance boundary; however, parents are responsible for transportation to and from the school that houses the elective learning program. Applications for transportation may be submitted to Tri-Board and transportation may be provided only if:

- i) there is an existing bus route;
- ii) there is space on the bus; and
- iii) there is no additional cost to the board.

c) The approval of transportation arrangements for students in elective learning programs outside of their attendance boundary will be determined on an annual basis.

Procedure 340: Transfer of Students

Request for Transfer – Elementary and Secondary Students

The Request for Transfer Form must be completed through the home/current school.

Student's Given Name: _____ Grade: ____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

Home/Current Elementary or Secondary School: _____

Non-home/Requested Elementary or Secondary School

Reason(s) for request:

I understand that should the request for transfer be approved, transportation to the non-home or requested school will be my responsibility.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Tri-Board Student Transportation Services

- Tri-Board is a transportation consortium



- Tri-Board is owned by and provides safe, secure, efficient transportation to:
 - Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board
 - Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board
 - Limestone District School Board

Who drives the buses?

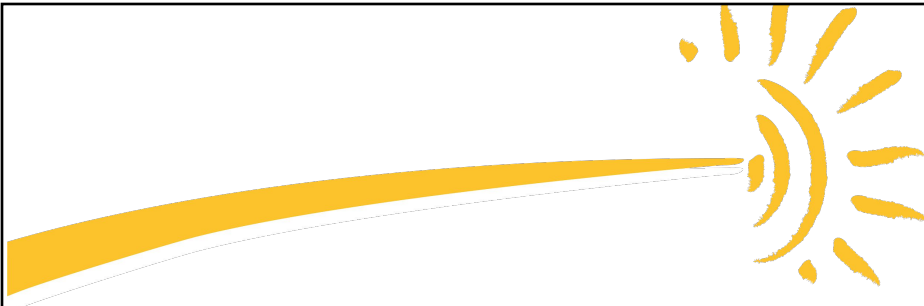


- Tri-Board provides student transportation through contracts with vendors (bus operators) who deliver the service
- Tri-Board is wholly owned by the member school boards and each board pays for the transportation services that they receive

63% of Board area students Transported	Tri-Board	HPEDSB
Average ride distance (kms)	13.21	14.47
Average ride time – Elementary (mins)	20	20
Average ride time – Secondary (mins)	26	26
Average Walk to School JK-6 (kms)	0.75	0.74
Average Walk to School 7-8 (kms)	0.98	1.01
Average Walk to School 9-12 (kms)	1.50	1.39

Type of Rider	Tri-Board	HPEDSB
Secondary riders	6,523	2,223
Elementary riders	13,705	5,249
Courtesy/Special Circumstance	1,989	927
Spec Ed/ Wheelchair	1,283	463
Out-of-Bounds (Board Boundary)	157	68
Hazard	1,789	271
French Immersion	4,000	879

	Tri-Board	HPEDSB
Routes	623	267
Shared Routes	331	138
Shared Runs	489	273
Loaded Kms travelled all buses	53,735	27,087
KM travelled with Deadhead	83,698	42,228
Operators (Including taxis)	29	11



Transportation Review



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What is a transportation review?

- An analysis of:
 - routes
 - bell times
 - ridership
- To determine whether there are opportunities to reduce costs or operate more efficiently

Why a transportation review now?

- Transportation expenses have greatly increased, recently
- These expenses exceed funding available

In-Year Deficit Recovery Plan

The need to reduce expenses

- 2021-2022 financial statements: deficit of \$2.2 million
- 2022-2023 budget: deficit of \$1.7 million
- Ministry of Education required a deficit recovery plan for 2022-2023 that included:
 - Transportation: full review to reduce costs (\$1,054,210)
 - Utilities: plan for energy conservation (\$386,353)

Transportation Review

- Phase 1 (December 1–mid-January)
 - Tri-Board Student Transportation Services reviewed transportation to identify opportunities for cost savings
- Phase 2 (mid-January–February)
 - HPEDSB reviewed Tri-Board findings
- **Phase 3 (March)**
 - **Public consultation on bell times and transportation changes**

Possible transportation savings

Tri-Board findings

- Up to \$696,000 possible in short-term transportation changes
- Transportation changes could be implemented for September 2023

Possible transportation savings

Bayside and Trenton

- Provide walk access from Stonecrest subdivision to Bayside PS and Bayside SS
- Remove courtesy riders that are within walking distance of Trenton HS

Possible transportation savings

North Hastings

- Staggered bell times in Bancroft
 - Bird's Creek PS new start and end bell times of 9:30 AM - 3:50 PM
 - York River PS new start and end bell times of 8:25 AM - 2:45 PM
 - North Hastings HS new start and end bell times of 8:15 AM - 2:45 PM

Possible transportation savings

Prince Edward County

- Remove courtesy riders that are within walking distance of Prince Edward CI elementary
- Reductions to bus routes 602 and 658

Central Hastings

- Madoc Township PS new start and end bell times of 9:50 AM - 4:10 PM

Possible transportation savings

Centennial SS/Eastside SS/Queen Elizabeth walk on/off

- Remove courtesy riders who attend these schools

Public consultation through town hall meetings

- March 20 at York River Public School
- March 21 at Madoc Township Public School
- March 28 at Bayside Secondary School
- March 29 at William R. Kirk Building



Transportation Review Findings



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Description

- Remove students who walk on/off to attend schools for special programs or a school outside their boundary

Affected schools

- Centennial Secondary School
- Eastside Secondary School
- Queen Elizabeth School/Easthill Elementary School

School impact

- Some students would need to find own way to programs and schools outside their boundary

Route impact

- Reduce length of bus runs and number of riders on routes 447, 475, 327, 715

Student impact

- Would need to find own way to programs and schools outside their boundary

Bell time changes

- None

Transportation review summary

Transportation savings identified

- Ensure that walking paths are free from hazards
- Focus on providing service to eligible riders
- Remove courtesy riders
- Change bell times where it allows more efficient transportation routing

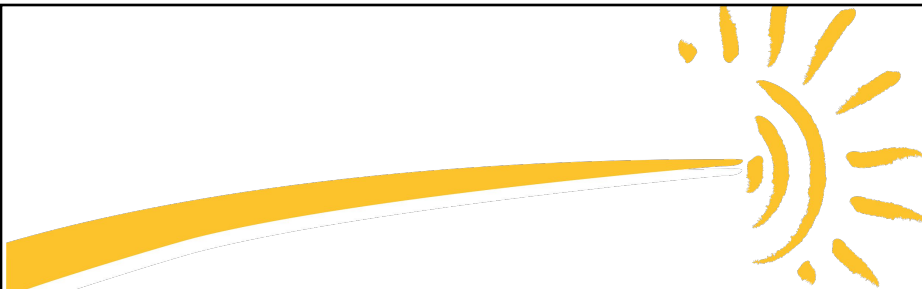
Findings are based on:

- Alignment to the school board policy for walking distances
- Alignment to the school board procedure for eligibility

Next steps

- Questions and feedback from the town hall meetings will be reviewed
- Viable changes to student transportation will be communicated in April
- Changes will be implemented for September 2023

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Submitted Questions

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Questions/Feedback?



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