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COMMUNIQUÉ

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

Re: TRANSPORTATION FOR PARRY SOUND HIGH SCHOOL, NOBEL PUBLIC SCHOOL AND MCDUGALL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Student transportation has been a priority in the planning of the NNDSB response to the delay in opening the new school in Parry Sound. The consortium has been working with the board staff in developing routing for all affected students. Yesterday, we officially opened the BusPlanner Web Parent Portal to ensure that you can access your students' bussing information. Here are some additional details.

1. If you don't have a Parent Portal account, you can use the following link to get instructions on how to open an account to view transportation details: [Instructions](#)
2. For students attending Nobel Public School for grades 7 and 8, all students who would have been attending the Parry Sound High School site have been added to transportation.
3. For students attending McDougall Public School for grades JK to 6, all in-zone students are considered eligible and have been added to transportation.
4. For students attending Parry Sound High School for grades 9 to 12, there is no change with respect to eligibility.
5. The NPSSTS is in communication with the First Nations communities who transport their students to ensure a continued smooth integration of their resources with those contracted by the NPSSTS.
6. The NPSSTS is in communication with its contracted bus operators and has received assurances that they have the capacity to deliver the service required.
7. The NPSSTS is in communication with bus operators, First Nations and school administration personnel to review and develop bus loading zone protocols with a view of ensuring the safe movement of students and the traffic flow of parents, staff and the general public within and while entering and leaving bus loading zones. This includes the use of off-site transfers to

minimize the number of buses required to attend school loading and unloading zones at any given time. The timing and communication between buses, particularly for the McDougall Public School loading zone and transfer is a priority. We will be monitoring and adjusting these measures in consultation with operators and school staff to optimize the use of the space and traffic flow.

8. We ask that parents who choose to drive their students to and/or from school and ~~choose~~ not use student transportation complete the OPT OUT/OPT IN process. This is new for this year. You can access that information at the following link: [What is new for 2025-2026: OPT OUT OF TRANSPORTATION](#)
9. We would like to remind everyone that there are always slight delays during the first week to two weeks of school as everyone involved acclimates to new bus routes, pick up times and locations, and loading processes at schools. We ask that you exercise patience as everyone gets into the new routine.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CS', followed by a horizontal line.

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