#### YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## AGENDA TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday November 30, 2023

6:30 PM

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#### Land Acknowledgement

We are gathered on the ancestral lands and waters of all Indigenous Peoples, who have left their footprints on Mother Earth before us.

We respectfully acknowledge those who have walked on it, those who walk on it now, and future generations who have yet to walk upon it.

We pray to the Creator for strength and wisdom that all may continue to serve as stewards of the Earth.

Trustee Committee Members:	Pa	age No:
1. OPENING PRAYER	T. Pechkovsky	
2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT	T. Pechkovsky	
3. ROLL CALL	T. Pechkovsky	
4. ELECTION OF CHAIR		
5. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR		
6. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE 2024		
7. APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL	Chair	
8. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	Chair	1
9. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST		
10. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES: January 11, 2022	Chair	3
11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES		
<ul> <li>12. OUTSIDE PRESENTATIONS:         <ul> <li>a) Transportation for Holy Cross CA – Tania Monaco</li> <li>b) Policy 203 Student Transportation Services – Marisa Vitale</li> <li>c) Lack of School Bus Transportation for French Immersion High School Stud</li> <li>d) Transportation to St. Maximilian Kolbe CHS from Notre Dame CES - Ante</li> <li>e) Policy 203 Student Transportation Services – Evelyn Sierra</li> <li>f) Policy 203 Student Transportation Services – Sabina Okayeva</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		5 7 9 11 12 13
13. STAFF PRESENTATIONS: nil		
14. ACTION ITEM(S): a) Terms of Reference (draft 2023)	T. Pechkovsky	14
<ul><li>15. DISCUSSION ITEM(S):</li><li>a) Policy 203 Student Transportation Services - Policy Review</li></ul>	T. Pechkovsky	16

- 16. INFORMATION ITEM(S):
  - a) Transportation Service Notices provided to families fall 2023
- T. Pechkovsky
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- 17. NOTICES OF MOTION:
- 18. FUTURE ITEM(S):
  - a) Monday January 29, 2024
- 19. ADJOURMENT

Creator God,
As we journey through this world,
give us the grace to allow your Holy Spirit to work through us.
Help us to speak, think and work with honesty, and compassion,
to celebrate all that is life-giving,
to restore hope where it has been lost,
and to bring about change where it is needed.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our companion.

Amen

#### YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

#### **MINUTES**

#### TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

A Transportation Review Committee meeting was held via Live Stream on January 11, 2022 at 3:00 PM

Trustee Committee Members: D. Giuliani Chair, M. Iafrate, Vice-Chair, J. Wigston, Trustee

PRESENT:

Committee Members: D. Giuliani, M. Iafrate, J. Wigston

Administration: D. Scuglia, T. Pechkovsky, E. Pivato, C. Tupchong, J. Tsui, R. Mistry

Other Trustees: E. Crowe, F. Alexander, M. Marchese, D. Mazzotta

Absent with Notice: Nil

**Recording:** K. Andriano

Presiding: D. Giuliani, Committee Chair

#### 1. OPENING PRAYER / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

D. Giuliani led the group in prayer and recited the Land Acknowledgement.

#### 2. ROLL CALL:

T. Pechkovsky all present.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION: Infrate/Wigston

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED** \*

#### 4. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Transportation Review Committee minutes of November 10, 2021

MOTION: Wigston/Infrate

THAT the minutes of the Transportation Review Committee meeting of November 10, 2021 be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED** 

#### 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

a) Letter to Municipalities supporting sidewalks

T. Pechkovsky provided the committee with two (2) sample letters in draft format. The intent is to provide letters to the Region and individual municipalities highlighting the role in providing pedestrian infrastructure.

#### 6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS:

a) Active School Travel - Update

Reena Mistry, Coordinator Safe Routes to School provided the committee with the highlights of Active School Travel (AST). The goal is to reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles entering school sites and promoting safe school zones. AST travel initiatives is supported through policy in the York, Regional Official Plan and similarly, the official plans of lower tier municipalities.

#### 7. INFORMATION ITEM(S):

a) STSYR- Ministry of Education, Transportation Funding Model - update

C. Tupchong provided the committee with an update in reference to the status of the Ministry's on-going Student Transportation Review.

The Ministry is exploring the potential funding options, based on a needs-based funding approach. The report includes a description of some of the standardized inputs used to determine student eligibility, the mode of transportation and various service parameters such as the maximum walk to stop distance. The simulation is currently under review however, at this time it is unknown when any Ministry decisions will be forthcoming. STSYR will continue to provide updates as information is released.

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT:

**MOTION: Iafrate/Wigston** 

THAT the Transportation Review Committee meeting adjourns at 3:56 PM

**MOTION CARRIED** 

## Public Request to Make a Presentation or Present Petition

## Tania Monaco <ycdsb.forms@ycdsb.ca>

to board.delegations

Name	Tania Monaco	
Email Address		
Home Address		
Home Telephone		
Name of Group Being Represented (if Applicable)	Pine Valley Parents	
Name of Home School being represented	Holy Cross Catholic Academy	
Are you a York Catholic District School Board employee?	No	
Is this request related to a Motion and/or decision of the Board?	Yes	
Spokesperson 1 Name	Tania Monaco	
Spokesperson 1 Email Address		
Spokesperson 1 Address		
Spokesperson 1 Home Telephone		
Spokesperson 2 Address	Canada	
3) Presentation/Petition Details		
Date of Board Meeting	Nov 30, 2023	

#### **Specific Statement of Issue**

Ad Hoc Transportation Review Committee regarding transportation issues related to Policy #203 Student Transportation Services. Pine Valley Parents are opposed to the change of this policy and the cancellation of buses for select students that attend Holy Cross Catholic Academy.

#### Summary of key presentation points:

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the new transportation policy that is being imposed on our subdivision. While I understand that transportation is a privilege, the policy is arbitrary, unreasonable, and discriminatory. It excludes only certain kids from our subdivision, based on a distance requirement that is measured from property line to property line, without taking into account the actual walking distance, the bus route on a busy street, or the isolated area of the school. This change creates an unequal situation for our children and families impacted, as we made our decision to attend Holy Cross based on the fact that transportation was provided. Moreover, this policy is not feasible financially for many parents, who will have to pay for alternative transportation or change their work schedules. The policy was implemented without any consultation or communication with the parents, who are the primary stakeholders in this matter. We urge you to re-examine the distance requirement, as well as the eligibility of students that require the bus, and to reverse this policy as soon as possible.

#### If Applicable, your key recommendations/suggestions to address the problem/issue:

To address the change in school transportation policy, we recommend the following actions:

- Consider the impact of cancelling transportation to select students and consolidating bus stops. This will create inequity and inconsistency among students who live in the same subdivision but have different access to transportation. Some students may be excluded from the bus service because they live on the outskirts of the subdivision, while others may be able to board the bus within the subdivision. This will also increase the walking distance and time for some students, which may affect their attendance, punctuality and academic performance.
- We recommend conducting a survey of parents to assess the demand and need for school transportation. This will help us plan the routes, schedules, and capacities of the buses.

- A recommendation could be to require annual registration for school transportation services. This will help to plan and allocate resources more efficiently and avoid overcapacity or underutilization of buses.
- Consider the financial impact on the parents that are impacted, a lot of who have multiple kids who would be impacted by this change. We are a working community, and work downtown so it's not financially viable to have to pay for alternate transit.
- Consider exceptions to the distance rule in subdivisions that are not safe for students to get to transit. Some subdivisions may have poor lighting, sidewalks, crossings or traffic conditions that make it difficult or dangerous for students to walk to the nearest bus stop or transit station. These factors should be taken into account when determining eligibility for transportation services.
- Review the criteria for cancelling transportation, such as distance requirements, or making them more realistic, from subdivision to school, vs. property line to property line.
- The board and the school need to consider the impact to school registration, as Holy Cross is a feeder school for our area, and that factor, along with the eligibility for school transportation, is the main reason that I and many others chose to send our kids to Holy Cross. By cutting off transportation simply due to our address, it impacts our decision to send my younger child to Holy Cross. I will look to other school boards and schools.
- Providing parents with one year to accept this policy and make arrangements for alternate transportation is not sufficient. Kids who were granted transportation to attend this school, should continue to receive it until they graduate, or not longer require transportation, since this was the reason we sent our kids to that school.

We believe that these recommendations will help us address the change in school transportation policy in a fair, effective and sustainable way.

#### 4) Electronic Presentation Details

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Is your presentation in an electronic format?	No
Acknowledgement	- I am aware that my delegation presentation will be livestreamed during the Board Meeting.
Form prepared by:	Tania Monaco
Date	Nov 15, 2023

## Public Request to Make a Presentation or Present Petition

## Marisa Vitale <ycdsb.forms@ycdsb.ca>

to board.delegations

Home Address Home Telephone Name of Group Being Represented (if Applicable) Name of Home School being represented Are you a York Catholic District School Board employee? Is this request related to a Motion and/or decision of the Board? Spokesperson 1 Name Spokesperson 1 Email Address Spokesperson 1 Home Telephone	Name	Marisa Vitale
Name of Group Being Represented (if Applicable)  Name of Home School being represented  Are you a York Catholic District School Board employee?  Is this request related to a Motion and/or decision of the Board?  Spokesperson 1 Name  Spokesperson 1 Email Address  Spokesperson 1 Address	Email Address	
Name of Group Being Represented (if Applicable)  Name of Home School being represented  Holy Cross Catholic Academy  Are you a York Catholic District School Board employee?  Is this request related to a Motion and/or decision of the Board?  Spokesperson 1 Name  Tania Monaco  Spokesperson 1 Email Address  Spokesperson 1 Address	Home Address	
Applicable)  Name of Home School being represented  Are you a York Catholic District School Board employee?  Is this request related to a Motion and/or decision of the Board?  Spokesperson 1 Name  Spokesperson 1 Email Address  Spokesperson 1 Address	Home Telephone	
Are you a York Catholic District School Board employee?  Is this request related to a Motion and/or decision of the Board?  Spokesperson 1 Name  Spokesperson 1 Email Address  Spokesperson 1 Address		Pine York Parents
School Board employee?  Is this request related to a Motion and/or decision of the Board?  Spokesperson 1 Name  Spokesperson 1 Email Address  Spokesperson 1 Address		Holy Cross Catholic Academy
and/or decision of the Board?  Spokesperson 1 Name  Tania Monaco  Spokesperson 1 Email Address  Spokesperson 1 Address		No
Spokesperson 1 Email Address Spokesperson 1 Address		No
Spokesperson 1 Address	Spokesperson 1 Name	Tania Monaco
	Spokesperson 1 Email Address	
Spokesperson 1 Home Telephone	Spokesperson 1 Address	
	Spokesperson 1 Home Telephone	
Spokesperson 2 Address	Spokesperson 2 Address	
3) Presentation/Petition Details	3) Presentation/Petition Details	
Date of Board Meeting Nov 21, 2023	Date of Board Meeting	Nov 21, 2023

#### **Specific Statement of Issue**

Policy 203 Student Transportation Services

#### Summary of key presentation points:

My family and I are opposed to these proposed changes to the transportation policy for a great number of reasons.

- 1) Our decision to register our daughter at Holy Cross (might I add our only in-boundary choice) was based predominantly on the fact that we had bus transportation provided by YCDSB. St. Catherine of Sienna is a direct feeder school to Holy Cross! To apply for an out of boundary school did not make sense, especially since we wouldn't have YCDSB supplied transportation.
- 2) This change will significantly impact our financial situation and cause undue distress. To be exact, an additional \$122 per month. In this difficult economic climate we are in, and having to require family necessities, such as food, this is a cost that is not needed and is not affordable.
- 3) These changes are inequitable and exclude only certain kids from our neighbourhood (based on an arbitrary distance), all while the bus is STILL coming to our neighbourhood to pick up neighbouring students. This makes no sense.
- 4) The distance requirements are arbitrary and don't take into the account the safety of the area, specifically the unsafe Highway 7 (high speed of cars) and the recommendation being "use transit"
- 5) The school is isolated and in a highly industrialized area. Even if one wanted to take the bus across Highway 7, you are still left with waiting for a 2nd bus at martin Grove. This, otherwise, is a long walk, especially in

inclement weather. I'm concerned about my xxxxx safety and well-being.

6) The time required to get to school will increase from 10 minutes to about 40 minutes, at the very minimum. These requirements need to be reexamined and we ask that you not move forward with any proposed changes to our bus route.

#### If Applicable, your key recommendations/suggestions to address the problem/issue:

- · Leave the policy as is for now.
- The one-year notice is not sufficient, especially when, at the time of registration, there was a bus; again, this information about change was never brought up to us when we registered
- Grandfather our students and all current students, and don't change anything for the time being, defer changes to policy at a later time
- Children enrolling in 2024 (grade 9) can follow any new proposed policy changes you deem fit
- Consolidate bus stops in the area (again, the bus comes here anyway)
- These changes will significantly impact registration and enrollment. If there is NO bus, parents will think twice

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Acknowledgement	<ul> <li>I am aware that my delegation presentation will be livestreamed during the Board Meeting</li> </ul>
Form prepared by:	Marisa Vitale
Date	Nov 15, 2023

## Public Request to Make a Presentation or Present Petition

## Janet Pighin <ycdsb.forms@ycdsb.ca>

to board.delegations

Name Janet Pighin

**Email Address** 

**Home Address** 

**Home Telephone** 

Name of Home School being represented

Are you a York Catholic District School Board employee?

No

Is this request related to a Motion and/or decision of the Board?

No

Spokesperson 1 Name

Janet Pighin

Spokesperson 1 Email Address

Spokesperson 1 Address

**Spokesperson 1 Home Telephone** 

**Spokesperson 2 Address** 

3) Presentation/Petition Details

**Date of Board Meeting** 

Nov 30, 2023

#### **Specific Statement of Issue**

Lack of school bus transportation for French Immersion high school students.

#### Summary of key presentation points:

- -Students begin French Immersion in grade 1, unlike other specialty programs offered by YCDSB. This is an enormous committment and a lot of hard work for the students and their families. Students and their families do not want to quit FI in high school just because no school bus transportation is provided.
- -The FI students at St. Joseph the Worker Elementary School, Thornhill feed into Our Lady Queen of the Work Catholic Academy, Richmond Hill for high school. OLQW is 15 km from St. Joseph the Worker!
- -Currently, there is no school bus transportation for the students who graduate from St. Joseph the Worker and would like to continue French Immersion at OLQW.
- -By public transit, it takes multiple buses and almost 1.5 hours to reach the high school from the elementary school ONE WAY! This is unreasonable to expect the students to commute almost 3 hours per day by public transit and for the families to pay out of pocket for it.
- -Through communication with my MPP, Laura Smith, and Ministry of Education Manager, Hadi Karhoso, I have learned that there is new funding for school bus transportation. The YCDSB is projected to receive \$19.9 million for this school year alone.
- -The YCDSB is losing a number of their FI students to the York Region District School Board for high school because there is a public FI high school (Hodan Nalayeh Secondary School) right around the corner from St. Joseph the Worker Elementary School.
- -I would love to keep my xxx in the YCDSB and in French Immersion next year when she is in grade 9. Many other families feel the same for their children as well. This can be possible if school bus funding is provided for high school FI students.

#### If Applicable, your key recommendations/suggestions to address the problem/issue:

Please allocate funding for school bus transportation for French Immersion students in high school, especially those from St. Joseph the Worker Elementary School so they can continue French Immersion at Our Lady Queen of the World Catholic Academy.

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Form prepared by:	Janet Pighin
Date	Nov 15, 2023

# Public Request to Make a Presentation or Present Petition Antonietta Giovinazzo Groff cdsb.forms@ycdsb.ca>

to board.delegations

Name	Antonietta Giovinazzo Groff
Email Address	
Home Address	
Home Telephone	
Name of Home School being represented	Notre Dame CES
Are you a York Catholic District School Board employee?	No
Is this request related to a Motion and/or decision of the Board?	Yes
Spokesperson 1 Name	Antonietta Giovinazzo Groff
Spokesperson 1 Email Address	
Spokesperson 1 Address	
Spokesperson 1 Home Telephone	
Spokesperson 2 Name	Eric Warren
Spokesperson 2 Email Address	
Spokesperson 2 Address	
Spokesperson 2 Home Telephone	
3) Presentation/Petition Details	
Date of Board Meeting	Nov 28, 2023

#### **Specific Statement of Issue**

New students to SMK are not permitted to take the same bus that current sibling and students of SMK can take due to boundary change

#### **Summary of key presentation points:**

- -Lack of public consultation regarding boundary change decision
- -SMK is a preferred school for athletically-driven students over SHCHS
- -It is conducive to have siblings attend the same schools for both parents and school administration
- -Transportation funding is provided regardless of which school the child attends, if geographically warranted
- -The importance of community and the least disruption to families, by keeping both children at the same school
- -The irrationality of the school bus to pick up current SMK student but not the other from the same household
- -The impact to the environment by having to drive second child into the same school that the bus will take first child to.

#### If Applicable, your key recommendations/suggestions to address the problem/issue:

-Grandfather siblings of current SMK student to be able to take the same bus until 2027.

#### 4) Electronic Presentation Details

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Form prepared by:	Antonietta Giovinazzo Groff
Date	Nov 15, 2023

## Public Request to Make a Presentation or Present Petition

## Evelyn Sierra <ycdsb.forms@ycdsb.ca>

to board.delegations

Name	Evelyn Sierra
Email Address	
Home Address	
Home Telephone	
<b>Business Telephone</b>	
Name of Home School being represented	Holy Cross Catholic Academy
Are you a York Catholic District School Board employee?	No
Is this request related to a Motion and/or decision of the Board?	Yes
Spokesperson 1 Name	Tania Monaco
Spokesperson 1 Email Address	
Spokesperson 1 Address	
Spokesperson 2 Address	
3) Presentation/Petition Details	
Date of Board Meeting	Nov 20, 2023

#### **Specific Statement of Issue**

Policy 203 student transportation services.

#### Summary of key presentation points:

I would like to take into consideration it will affect my child not to be able to take the school transportation because she will need to rely on other sources of transportation such a public transportation which it's concerning for their safety especially isolated roads, especially highway 7

One the main reasons we choose the school is because of the school transportation as our work schedule will definitely not work to be able to drive her, and also the financial impact in expenses for transportation.

I think you need to review these changes as there will be some kids from our subdivision that will not be impacted.

#### If Applicable, your key recommendations/suggestions to address the problem/issue:

Survey parents for need.

Registration for those students who really need to use school transportation.

Consider safety of our kids specially on a busy road such as highway 7

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Is your presentation in an electronic format?	No :
Acknowledgement	- I am aware that my delegation presentation will be livestreamed during the Board Meeting.
Form prepared by:	Evelyn Sierra
Date	Nov 15, 2023

### Sabina Okayeva < ycdsb.forms@ycdsb.ca>

to board.delegations

to board.delegations	
Name	Sabina Okayeva
Email Address	
Home Address	
Home Telephone	
Name of Home School being represented	Fr John Kelly CES
Are you a York Catholic District School Board employee?	No
Is this request related to a Motion and/or decision of the Board?	Yes
Spokesperson 1 Name	Sabina Okayeva
Spokesperson 1 Email Address	
Spokesperson 1 Address	
Spokesperson 1 Home Telephone	
Spokesperson 2 Address	
3) Presentation/Petition Details	

#### **Specific Statement of Issue**

**Date of Board Meeting** 

Policy #203 Student Transportation Services.

Allow for courtesy seating on the bus for out of boundary schools if there is seating available on the bus for student commuting to the local school.

Nov 30, 2023

#### Summary of key presentation points:

Kids commuting to St. Elizabeth from Father John Kelly. Since the change of school boundaries for high school that took place this year, which makes new students in eligible for bus transportation to St Elizabeth high school. My recommendation is that if there are seats available on the bus, courtesy transportation can be provided to students commuting to the school that is out of boundary. As I have researched other school boards, have courtesy seating, that is free there is space on the bus. In my email I have referenced Toronto, Peel region school boards That have courtesy seats and I would like to propose York Region Catholic school board to consider this.

#### If Applicable, your key recommendations/suggestions to address the problem/issue:

Recommend to allow for a courtesy seating as it is allowed on other school boards such as Toronto, Peel region etc. there are no additional expenses for the board.

#### 4) Electronic Presentation Details

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Type of Presentation	Presentation (Powerpoint, Google Slide, Keynote) with <b>no</b> audio and video embedded
Technology Requirements	I plan on using my own device (Macbook, PC or iPad)
Please indicate type of device	PC
Acknowledgement	<ul> <li>I am aware that my delegation presentation will be livestreamed during the Board Meeting.</li> </ul>
Form prepared by:	Sabina Okayeva
Date	Nov 16, 2023

#### YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

#### TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

#### AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

November 2023

The Transportation Review Committee will support the York Catholic District School Board's Mission, Vision, Core Values and Strategic Commitments and good Governance as outlined within these Terms of Reference.

#### 1. Purpose/Mandate:

- 1.1 To review the existing policies governing transportation services provided to YCDSB students.
- 1.2 To identify opportunities for revisions and enhancements to policies so that service is in line with existing Ministry of Education funding.
- 1.3 To identify funding inequities.
- 1.4 To provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees
- 1.5 To receive delegations from the public on transportation matters as they relate to Policy 203 Student Transportation Services. (input to specific parameters, requested changes, requested additions.)

#### 2. Expected Outcome of the Committee's Work:

- 2.1 To ensure that the Board is governed by effective, concise and relevant policies.
- 2.2 Propose policy amendments to the Policy Committee

#### 3. Transportation Review Committee Membership:

3.1 Three Trustees (To be determined by the Chair of the Board)

#### 4. Staff Resources:

- 4.1 Coordinating Manager of Planning & Operations (Resource)
- 4.2 Manager Student Transportation Services
- 4.3 Director of Education
- 4.4 Associate Director, Strategic Leadership
- 4.5 Superintendent of Education (as assigned by the Director of Education)
- 4.6 Superintendent of Education: Exceptional Learners
- 4.7 Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer of the Board (as required)

#### 5. Meeting Schedule and Time:

- 5.1 The Transportation Review Committee will meet 2-3 times this year and/or on a as needed basis during the business day.
  - 5.1.1 Evening meeting may be scheduled where a delegation has been assigned by the Executive Committee.

#### 6. Delegations to the Committee:

- 6.1 Individuals wishing to make a delegation to the board will be required to submit a delegation request form to Executive Committee for approval as per Board Policy 106-
- 6.2 Delegations should reference the specific section of policy they are providing comments on, requesting be changed, or new items they are requesting be created.

Trustee Membership:
E Crowe
M. Iaffrate
A. Saggese

Approved Date: November 30, 2023

#### YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REPORT TO:

Trustee Review Committee

FROM:

Administration

DATE:

November 30, 2023

RE:

Policy 203 - Student Transportation Services - Policy Review

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to introduce possible changes to the Transportation Policy.

#### BACKGROUND

With the introduction of a revised funding model for Student Transportation Services, as well as comments raised by Trustees and our school communities over multiple years attached in Appendix 1 is a working copy of Policy 203, with some proposed changes for discussion purposes only.

Additional policy changes are expected by members of the Transportation Review Committee.

#### **SUMMARY:**

Policy 203 Student Transportation Policy is scheduled for a regular review in January 2024. This working copy is provided to facilitate discussion about possible changes.

Given the operating relationship with YRDSB, some changes will required review and approval by the Joint Board Consortium.

NONE of the changes here should be considered finalized in any way, they are intended to spark discussion.

Prepared and Submitted By:

Endorsed By:

Tom Pechkovsky, Coordinating Manager, Planning & Operations Domenic Scuglia, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board

Jennifer Sarna, Associate Director

#### **APPENDIX 1**

#### **WORKING COPY of POLICY 203 - For discussion Only-**

BOARD POLICY		
Policy Section	Policy Number	
Students	203	
Former Policy #	Page	
203	1 of 9	
Original Approved Date	Subsequent Approval Dates	
June 1989	December 1993 October 1995 July 2000, June 2003 March 2004, May 2005 June 4, 2013 June 20, 2017 January 30, 2018 June 16, 2020	

POLICY TITLE: STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

#### **SERVICES SECTION A**

#### 1. PURPOSE

In accordance with the *Education Act*, this policy has been developed to support and regulate the efficient provision of Transportation Services to eligible students of York Catholic District School Board.

#### 2. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the York Catholic District School Board to supply transportation services to and from school to the students enrolled in its schools in accordance with the parameters outlined in this policy and the Student Transportation Services Procedure Manual as endorsed by the Joint Board Consortium. The level of service provided by the Board is dependent on transportation funding grants allocated by the Ministry of Education.

Student Transportation Services (STS) is a joint venture between the Catholic and public school boards in York Region. The mandate of STS is to provide safe, efficient and on time transportation for all eligible students.

Transportation for students is a privilege. The Board reserves the right to withdraw transportation services at any time.

#### 3. PARAMETERS

i) Eligibility for transportation to and/or from a student's designated home school is a

function of the distance from their residence to their home school and grade level as follows:

- ii) Junior Kindergarten to grade 8 to Grade 3 a student whose residence is more than 1.4km 8001.2 kilometres from their home school is eligible for Board-provided transportation;
- iii) Grades 14 to 8 a student whose residence is more than 1.6 kilometres from their home school is eligible for Board-provided transportation; and
- iv) Grades 9 to 12 -
  - A secondary student whose residence is more than 4.8 kilometres from their home secondary school is eligible for Board-provided transportation.
  - A secondary student whose residence is more than 3.2 kilometres from their home secondary school, who's home address is not transit served, is eligible for Board-provided transportation.
- 3.1 A student's primaryresidence address is used to determine their <u>designated or home</u> school and eligibility for transportation.
  - 3.1.1 A caregiver's address may be used (home school and eligibilityto determine collector point) only if it is used consistently and is also within the eligible transportation zone for the home school.

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3.33.2 Students attending a school outside the Board's jurisdiction shall not be entitled to Board-provided transportation services.

- 3.43.3 Students attending a school and/or program outside their home school attendance area are not eligible for Board-provided transportation services, as stated in the Transportation Acknowledgement/Agreement included in the application process for out of boundary/ out of region admission.
- 3.53.4 In circumstances where students are deemed to be ineligible to receive Board-provided transportation, as noted above, it is the responsibility of Parents/Guardians and/or students to determine and provide the most appropriate and safe means of arrival to and/or departure from school.
- 3.63.5 Transportation may be provided for:

3.6.13.5.1 Physically challenged students;

3.6.23.5.2 Students requiring a special education program as identified by the Superintendent of Student Services or the Director of Education;

3.6.33.5.3 Medical reasons as certified by a doctor and approved by the Coordinating Manager of Planning & Operations or the Director of Education,

in accordance with the Student Transportation Services procedures manual and appropriate documentation supportive of such request(s).

3.6.43.5.4 Optional programs as determined by the Board of Trustees through Board motionthe budgeting process.

3.6.4.13.5.4.1 Elementary French Immersion (F.I) students residing within the defined F.I. boundary of their designated school are eligible for transportation. In all cases Non-Transportation Zones apply.

3.6.4.23.5.4.2 Secondary French Immersion students

3.6.4.2.13.5.4.2.1 Who reside within the regular track boundary of the French Immersion School they attend are eligible for transportation as per 3.1iii.

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3.5.4.2.2 Who reside outside the regular track boundary of the French Immersion School they attend, in non-transit served (see definition 5.11) area, are eligible for transportation as per the French Immersion Service Area Maps. In all cases Non-Transportation Zones apply.

Note: This eligibility is designed to equitably match the YRDSB Transportation Policy.

- 3.73.6 Section 23 students who are not resident students of the Board may be offered transportation to a Section 23 program within the region in accordance with the funding that is received from the Ministry of Education or other Ministry or as the Superintendent of Student Services or the Director of Education deems appropriate. Attempts will be made to accommodate service level requests in the most cost efficient manner. In such situations a signed S10 is required for each year the student requires transportation.
- 3.83.7 Transportation may be provided to programs and/or facilities outside the Region of York in accordance with the funding that is received from the Ministry of Education or other Ministry or as the Superintendent of Student Services or the Director of Education deems appropriate. In such situations a signed S10 is required for each year the student requires transportation.
- 3.93.8 Transportation to a Provincial School shall be provided in accordance with the documented request from a provincial school in accordance with the funding that is received from the Ministry of Education or other Ministry. In such situations a signed S10 is required for each year the student requires transportation.

3.103.9 Temporary Transportation

- 3.10.13.9.1 Requests for temporary transportation may be approved for a temporary period due to extenuating medical needs, injury or medical procedures to the student's home school, if such service is available and can accommodate the request. Requests for temporary transportation shall be made on an S9 form accompanied by an S9A form via their school administration to the Coordinating Manager of Planning & Operations.
- 3.10.23.9.2 Other temporary transportation for care or treatment outside the home school boundary shall be provided in accordance with the funding that is received from the Ministry of Education or other Ministry or as the Superintendent of Student Services or Director of Education deems appropriate.
- 3.10.33.9.3 The Principal may approve one (1) day emergency transportation for a student in extenuating circumstances in accordance with the Student Transportation Services Procedure Manual to facilitate the student's safe arrival to a home or caregiver, providing there is an existing route for that address.
- 3.10.43.9.4 Requests for temporary transportation may be approved due to compassionate grounds by the Director of Education.
- 3.113.10 Walking distances to school bus collector points (bus stops) are targeted at 400 metres for elementary students and 1000,600 metres for secondary students. Walking distances are measured by STS using the most direct walking route (which may include approved walkways) from the edge of a student's residence to the

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closest collector point.

- 3.11.13.10.1 Collector points may be added/ adjusted to address unique circumstances such as:
  - 3.11.1.13.10.1.1 A physical hazard, or barrier associated with the collector point, and/or pedestrian route to the collector point, rural routes or;
  - 3.11.1.23.10.1.2 A student's disability certified by a doctor and approved by the Coordinating Manager of Planning & Operations or the Director of Education, in accordance with the Student Transportation Services procedures and appropriate documentation supportive of such request(s).
- 3.123.11 Ride time is the time a student spends on a bus from collector points to school, or school to collector point in the afternoon. The walking time to and from collector points is not included. Ride times on Board provided transportation exceeding 60 minutes would be considered exceptional circumstances.
- 3.13.12 Concerns regarding bus routes, location of bus stops, consistently late running busses, or driver behaviour should be reported to the Principal who will forward concerns to Student Transportation Services.

  3.13.13.12.1 Bus drivers do not have the authority to modify routes or bus stops.
- 3.143\_13 All Board Employees, students on placement, Volunteers, Third Party Providers (Transportation Service Providers), Bus Drivers, and/or any other person in a position of trust or authority who have reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is or may be in need of protection, shall **immediately** report the suspicion and, the information on which it is based, to a Children's Aid Society directly in accordance with Policy 204 *Child Protection & Abuse and Police & School Boards Protocol.* The duty to make a report overrides the provisions of any other provincial statute, including those legislative provisions that would otherwise prohibit the individual from disclosing confidential or privileged information. The individual shall make the report directly to the Children's Aid Society, in respect of a child up to the age of the 18th birthday, and shall not rely on any other person to report on his or her behalf.
- 3.14 Transportation service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.
- 3.15 Distance calculations are to be determined by STSYR
- 3.153.16 Variations of +/- 100m may be applied to provide for logical breaks in service levels.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 Board of Trustees
  - 4.1.1 To ensure Trustee representation on the Joint Board Consortium.
  - 4.1.2 To refer operational concerns and eligibility issues to the Coordinating Manager of Planning & Operations.
  - 4.1.3 To review the provision of transportation to optional programs through the Board's annual budgeting process.
- 4.2 Director of Education
  - 4.2.1 To oversee compliance with the Student Transportation Services policy

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and procedures.

- 4.2.2 To ensure that appropriate decisions are made with respect to new and/or emerging transportation issues.
- 4.2.3 To ensure that unique and extenuating circumstances requiring consideration on compassionate grounds are examined and approved annually as appropriate.
- 4.2.4 To report transportation exceptions to the Board. Semi-annually (October and February).

#### 4.3 Senior Administration

4.3.1 To support the implementation of and compliance with the Student Transportation Services policy and related procedures.

#### 4.4 Coordinating Managers of Planning & Operations

- 4.4.1 To establish the criteria for and management of a procedure for temporary transportation and approval as appropriate in consultation with the appropriate Superintendent, who will advise the school Principal.
- 4.4.2 To review issues and make appropriate decisions regarding safety and non-transportation zones as required in the best interests of the students.
- 4.4.3 To be the main communicator between and among Student Transportation Services, Principals, Trustees and the community.
- 4.4.4 To notify the Director's Office of any behaviour which affects the safety and/or well-being of a student in accordance with Policy 204 Child Protection & Abuse and/or Police & School Boards Protocol.
- 4.4.5 To respond to concerns raised by Trustees, Superintendents, School Administrators. Parents/Guardians and community members.
- 4.4.6 To ensure the appropriate implementation of the Student Transportation Policy and procedures.
- 4.4.7 To cancel buses in circumstances of inclement weather in consultation with York Region District School Board (YRDSB) and Student Transportation Services (STS).
- 4.4.8 To investigate and notify the Director's Office, as appropriate, in situations where a Board provided transportation service is involved in an accident or the safety/well-being of a student(s) is a concern.

#### 4.5 Principals

- 4.5.1 To address discipline issues on Board-provided transportation vehicles.
- 4.5.2 To communicate the policy and procedures to students, parents and the
- 4.5.3 To manage the daily school related operational issues and report any concerns to Student Transportation Services.
- 4.5.4 To ensure only eligible riders access transportation provided by Student Transportation Services.
- 4.5.5 To notify Student Transportation Services of any concerns regarding a school bus driver.
- 4.5.6 To notify the Coordinating Manager of Planning & Operations of any concerns regarding service from Student Transportation Services.
- 4.5.7 To notify the Superintendent of Education of any behaviour which affects the safety and/or well-being of a student, in accordance with Policy 204 Child Protection & Abuse and/or Police & School Boards Protocol.
- 4.5.8 To communicate with bus drivers' students who have been approved for temporary transportation.
- 4.5.9 To be available to Student Transportation Services for any unforeseen circumstance which may result in the return of student(s) to the school, or

require communication to Parents/Guardians.

- 4.5.10 To identify to Student Transportation Services any students with known health conditions that may require special consideration during transportation, and as deemed necessary, supply the student's individualized student health plan to the driver.
- 4.5.11 To refer any requests for (multi-day) Temporary Transportation to the appropriate School Superintendent of Education (Forms S9 & S9a).
- 4.5.12 To approve one (1) day emergency transportation for a student in extenuating circumstances in accordance with the Student Transportation Services Procedure Manual to facilitate the student's safe arrival to a home or caregiver, providing there is an existing route for that address.
- 4.5.13 To ensure the forms are completed and submitted for approval, for students attending a school other than their home school. (S9, S9a, TCH19, Service Exception form).

#### 4.6 Manager of Student Transportation Services

- 4.6.1 To notify the Coordinating Manager of Planning & Operations of any behaviour which has been reported to Children's Aid in accordance with Policy 204 Child Protection & Abuse and/or Police & School Boards Protocol and the Student Transportation Policy and procedures.
- 4.6.2 To implement the appropriate elements of the Student Transportation Policy and procedures.
- 4.6.3 To recommend bus cancellation in circumstances of inclement weather to the Coordinating Manager of Planning & Operations.
- 4.6.4 To promptly notify the Coordinating Manager of Planning & Operations in situations where a Board provided transportation service is involved in an accident or the safety well-being of a student is a concern.
- 4.6.5 To validate that Drivers are appropriately trained and licensed.

#### 4.7 Student Transportation Services Transportation Planners

- 4.7.1 To notify the Coordinating Manager of Planning & Operations and the Manager of Student Transportation Services of any behaviour which has been reported to Children's Aid Society in accordance with Policy 204 Child Protection & Abuse and/or Police & School Boards Protocol.
- 4.7.2 To provide transportation to eligible student(s) to and from school in adherence with this policy.
- 4.7.3 To understand and adhere to eligibility requirements as outlined in this
- 4.7.4 To provide safe, efficient and on time transportation for students.
- 4.7.5 To establish and manage bus routes based on Board criteria.
- 4.7.6 To ensure the seating capacity of a school vehicle is limited to the manufacturer's rating.
- 4.7.7 To make adjustments and alterations to bus assignments or routes as required.
- 4.7.8 To promptly notify the school Principal, Superintendent of Education, Manager of Communications and the Coordinating Manager of Planning & Operations when a bus is involved in an accident or the safety or well-being of a student is a concern.
- 4.7.9 To ensure the appropriate approval forms are provided for special transportation requests (S9, S9a, S10, Safe Schools and Service Exceptions).

#### 4.8 Transportation Service Provider

- 4.8.1 To adhere to the contractual obligations with Student Transportation Services
- 4.8.2 To ensure Drivers review Bus Evacuation Procedures.
- 4.8.3 To ensure Drivers are appropriately trained and licensed.
- 4.8.4 To ensure drivers drive in a safe manner, act responsibly and courteously and adhere to the schedule established for the route.
- 4.8.5 To promptly update the late bus report.
- 4.8.6 To promptly notify Student Transportation Services when a bus is involved in an accident or the safety or well-being of a student is a concern.
- 4.8.7 To ensure Drivers and Employees of the Service Provider are aware of applicable school board policies and procedures as they pertain to Student Transportation Services.
- 4.8.8 The Transportation Service Provider will ensure its drivers acknowledge and confirm their understanding of the School Bus Driver responsibilities as identified in 4.9.

#### 4.9 School Bus Drivers

- 4.9.1 To drive in a safe manner, to act responsibly and courteously. To adhere to the schedule established for the route.
- 4.9.2 To maintain proper conduct on a school bus at all times and report to the Principal any problems of discipline on the bus.
- 4.9.3 To ensure that all students remain seated while on the bus and that all students have exited by the end of the bus route.
- 4.9.4 To permit students to exit the bus only when the situation is considered safe. If the driver considers the situation at a bus stop to be unsafe or unusual for the student, the school will be notified and the student shall be returned to the school, at the end of the route and placed under the Principal's care. If transportation/dispatch is not able to make contact with the school and/or Principal, the Transportation Service Provider must contact STSYR Transportation Planner, who will notify the Superintendent in order to make arrangements for the child.
- 4.9.5 To promptly notify the Transportation Service Provider when a bus will be late.
- 4.9.6 To promptly notify the Transportation Service Provider when a bus is involved in an accident or the safety or well-being of a student is a concern.
- 4.9.7 To notify the Manager of Student Transportation Services of any behaviour which has been reported to Children's Aid Society in accordance with Policy 204 Child Protection & Abuse and/or Police & School Boards Protect
- 4.9.8 To ensure the bus is maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

#### 4.10 Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

- 4.10.1 To ensure safe, age-appropriate methods of travel to/from school for students deemed **ineligible** for transportation.
- 4.10.2 To ensure safe, age-appropriate methods of travel to/from collector points for students **eligible** for transportation.
- 4.10.3 To ensure their child(ren) arrives at the collector points on time for pick up.
- 4.10.4 To ensure the safety and behaviour of their child(ren) prior to pick-up and following drop-off at the end of the school day.
- 4.10.5 To ensure that only their child(ren)who are eligible for transportation are

riding the bus.

#### 4.11 Students

- 4.11.1 To behave appropriately while riding the school bus in accordance with Board policies and procedures and the school's Code of Conduct.
- 4.11.2 To ride a school bus only when eligible in accordance with the Board policy or when special permission has been granted by the Principal.
- 4.11.3 To arrive at the collector point on time for pick up.

#### 5. DEFINITIONS

#### 5.1 Collector Points (Bus Stops)

Centralized designated locations for the pick-up and drop-off of students. The factors to define collector points are student safety, bus route efficiency and economy and are determined by Student Transportation Services.

#### 5.2 Caregiver's address

An alternate address for student pick up and drop off. This address may be used to identify an alternate collector point. The address is not used to determine eligibility for transportation.

#### 5.3 Eligible Rider

Students who qualify for transportation as outlined within this policy.

New 5.4 <u>Designated School: The school of altendance determined based on the primary address of the catchment area school, as determined by the school board to be one of the following:</u>

- a regular school
- a program school offering specialized programs such as French Immersion,

  Gifted or Magnet

  If the designated school is deemed to be operating at over capacity by the school board, an alternate school can be assigned.

#### 5.4 Inclement Weather

Road or weather conditions which make it impossible to operate a bus or, other Board approved transportation vehicle safely.

#### 5.5 Joint Board Consortium

The Joint Board Consortium consists of representatives from the York Region District School Board, York Catholic District School Board and Student Transportation Services who are responsible for overseeing the transportation of school children in York Region.

#### 5.6 Non-Transportation Zone

An area designated by the Board as area where students are not eligible to receive home to school transportation.

#### 5.7 Optional Programs

Programs approved by the Board to operate in specific locations which students may choose to attend, are not Ministry mandated and are not offered at all YCDSB schools. Examples of some optional programs are Regional French Immersion, International Baccalaureate (IB) and Regional Arts Program (RAP).

#### 5.8 Other Transportation Service Providers

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School bus operators who have **not** been contracted by Student Transportation Services and provide transportation services to students i.e., public transit service, charter service or other arrangements.

New 5.9 Primary address: one address as designated by parent/family - may be a residential address or other location such as a childcare place.

 in case of shared custody arrangements, multiple addresses may be used providing they are within the same school boundary.

#### 5.9 School Attendance Area

Refers to the Catholic school that is located in the same Board defined boundaries as the residential address of the Parent or Guardian of the student.

#### 5.10 Student's Residence Address

The legal municipal address of where the student lives. This address is used to determine transportation eligibility.

New 5.11 Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR)- a a consortium formed through an agreement between the YCDSB and YRDSB for the purpose of providing a common administration of student transportation services throughout York Region. STSYR administers each of the board's transportation policies and procedures and implements all aspects of home-to-school transportation services

#### 5.11 Transit Served Student

A student who:

- · Can access public transit to and from school;
- Lives within 1000 meters 1 kilometer of a public transit stop; (Note to draft YRDSB is at 1200m).
- Spends 6075 minutes or less travelling to or from school; and,
- Requires no more than three vehicles or less travelling to or from school.

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#### 5.12 Transportation Service Providers

Third party service providers that have been contracted by Student Transportation Services through a Request for Proposal process to provide transportation services to students in York Region. Transportation Service Providers provide the equipment, maintenance and trained drivers and operate on routes designed and supervised by Student Transportation Services.

#### 5.13 Transportation Zone

An area designated by the Board where students are eligible to receive home to school transportation, as approved by the Board.

#### 5.14 Travel Time

The time a student is on the bus. This does not include time walking or waiting for a

#### 6. CROSS REFERENCES

YCDSB Policy 202 Safe Schools - Student Discipline

YCDSB Policy 204 Child Protection and Abuse

YCDSB Policy 218 Code of Conduct

YCDSB Policy 429 Human Rights and Equity

YCDSB Policy 613 Equity and Inclusive Education

#### YCDSB Inclement Weather Notification

Education Act

**Human Rights Code** 

Police & School Boards Protocol

Student Transportation Services (STS) Procedures, www.schoolbuscity.com

#### 7. RELATED FORMS

S9 Request for Special Transportation S9A Medical Form for Special Transportation

Approval by Board	June 16, 2020		
	Date		
Effective Date	June 17, 2020		
	Date		
Revision Date	June 16, 2020		
	Date		
Review Date	June 2020		
	Date		

#### 8. Changes in Practice

#### 8.1 Opt out of Transportation

S9 Request for Special Transportation S9A Medical Form for Special Transportation

Note to Draft, consider alterations to reflect transportation due to Hazards.

- b. Hazard walking conditions that may pose safety risks if students were to walk from home to school. These conditions include, but are not limited to the following:
- · Multi-lane roads with higher speed limits and higher volumes of traffic
- Infrastructure and physical characteristics (e.g., without sidewalks and/or controlled crossings (e.g., stop sign, traffic light, crosswalk, crossing guard, body of water)
- Railway crossings (e.g., not signaled)
  Other safety factors identified by authorities such as law enforcement authorities The application of hazard conditions may reflect the age of students. Specific thresholds on what constitute a hazard condition may vary based on local geography and circumstances



Dear Parent/Guardian,

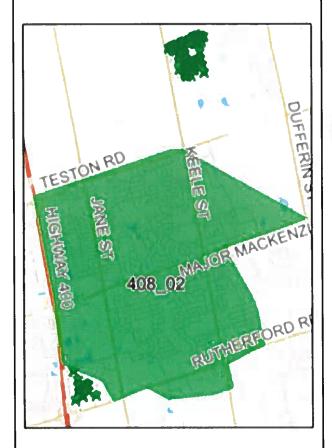
Attached is a notice from **Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR)** regarding a service change which may impact your child this September (2024).

Through a regular review of transportation eligibility, an area within the attendance boundary for Joan of Arc CHS that has previously received transportation service, is not eligible for the service as public transit is now available. This area includes your address. As of September 2024 school bus transportation for your address will not be available. We are providing this notice now, to provide time before September 2024 to make alternative arrangements for your child's journey to school.

The following images illustrate the change in the Non Transportation Zone (shaded area) for St. Joan of Arc CHS.

Figure 1: St. Joan of Arc CHS Non Transportation Zone Map (2023)

Figure 2: St. Joan of Arc CHS Non Transportation Zone Map (effective September 2024)







Eligibility Criteria for transportation to schools is governed by York Catholic District School Board's **Policy 203 - Student Transportation Services** which can be found on the Board's web site at <a href="https://www.ycdsb.ca">www.ycdsb.ca</a>. The relevant sections of this policy have been provided below.

Eligibility for secondary students is described in Section 3.1 as follows:

3.1 Eligibility for transportation to and/or from a student's designated home school is a function of the distance from their residence to their home school and grade level as follows:

iii) Grades 9 to 12 -

- A secondary student whose residence is more than 4.8 kilometres from their home secondary school is eligible for Board-provided transportation.
- A secondary student whose residence is more than 3.2 kilometres from their home secondary school, who's home address is not transit served, is eligible for Board-provided transportation.

Transit Served is defined in Section 5.9 of the policy as:

5.9 Transit Served Student

A student who:

- Can access public transit to and from school;
- · Lives within 1 kilometer of a public transit stop;
- · Spends 75 minutes or less travelling to or from school; and,
- Requires three vehicles or less travelling to or from school.

If you are impacted by this change, however your address does not match the Transit Served Student definition outlined above, please contact Student Transportation Services of York Region at (905) 712-2535 to discuss. Public transit service can be found on the York Region Transit's web site at https://tripplanner.yrt.ca/#/app/tripplanning.

We appreciate this service change may impact your child's journey to and from school and are providing this notice as an opportunity for you to make alternative arrangements for next September (2024).

Thank you for your understanding,

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Tom Pechkovsky, Coordinating Manager of Planning and Operations

York Catholic District School Board:

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Chad Garel, Principal, St. Joan of Arc CHS.

Niall Smith, Manager of Transportation, Student Transportation Services of York Region



Student Transportation Services of York Region 320 Bloomington Road West Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1 905-713-2535

FAX: 905-713-2533

Web site: www.schoolbuscity.com

# Important Notice St. Joan of Arc CHS School Bus Transportation Service Amendment

Monday October 2, 2023

Student Transportation Services of York Region remains committed to ensuring all students receive transportation service in accordance with Board Policy. The YCDSB Transportation Policy 203 indicates students in Grades 9-12 residing within 4.8 km of their school and with access to municipal transit are not eligible for School Board provided transportation service.

School bus transportation has been provided for St. Joan of Arc CHS students as suitable public transit was not previously available. The expansion of municipal transit services to areas within the St. Joan of Arc CHS community will result in school bus service changes in September 2024.

Effective September 2024, school bus transportation will no longer be provided to St. Joan of Arc CHS students at the following bus stop locations:

Stop Description	AM Route	PM Route
SWEETRIVER BLVD & CASABEL DR	3098	3062
PEAK POINT BLVD & RAVINEVIEW DR SOUTH	3007	3093
RAVINEVIEW DR & COUNTRY DRIVE LANE	3132	3093
PEAK POINT BLVD & SALAMANDER CRT	3007	3093
REGENCY VIEW HEIGHTS & PEAK POINT	3007	3093
RAVINEVIEW DR & VILLAGE VISTA WAY	3132	3144
EAST LODGEWAY DR & VILLAGE VISTA WAY	3132	3144
RAVINEVIEW DR & BOTTERO DR	3132	3144
RAVINEVIEW DR & VISTA GATE	3007	3144

Parents and students who wish to access York Region Transit information should visit <a href="https://www.yorkregiontransit.com">www.yorkregiontransit.com</a> or call 1-866-668-3978 for further information.

For additional information regarding School Bus Transportation Services in York Region please visit www.schoolbuscity.com or contact us at 1-877-330-3001.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this service revision and best wishes for a continued safe and successful school year.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

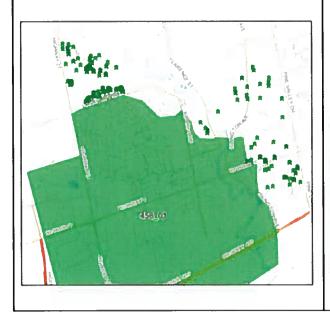
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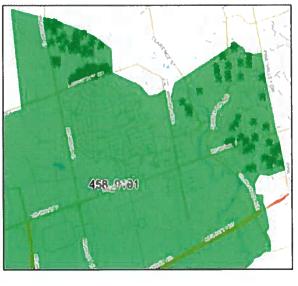
Through a regular review of transportation eligibility, an area within the attendance boundary for Holy Cross CA that has previously received transportation service, is not eligible for the service as public transit is now available. This area includes your address. As of September 2024 school bus transportation for your address will not be available. We are providing this notice now, to provide time before September 2024 to make alternative arrangements for your child's journey to school.

The following images illustrate the change in the Non Transportation Zone (shaded area) for Holy Cross CA.

Figure 1: Holy Cross CA Non Transportation Zone Map (2023)

Figure 2: Holy Cross CA Non Transportation Zone Map (effective September 2024)





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We appreciate this service change may impact your child's journey to and from school and are providing this notice as an opportunity for you to make alternative arrangements for next September (2024).

Thank you for your understanding,

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Tom Pechkovsky, Coordinating Manager of Planning and Operations York Catholic District School Board:

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# Important Notice Holy Cross Catholic Academy School Bus Transportation Service Amendment

Monday October 2, 2023

Student Transportation Services of York Region remains committed to ensuring all students receive transportation service in accordance with Board Policy. The YCDSB Transportation Policy 203 indicates students in Grades 9-12 residing within 4.8 km of their school and with access to municipal transit are not eligible for School Board provided transportation service.

School bus transportation has been provided for Holy Cross CA students as suitable public transit was not previously available. The expansion of municipal transit services to areas within the Holy Cross CA community will result in school bus service changes in September 2024.

Effective September 2024, school bus transportation will no longer be provided to Holy Cross CA students at the following bus stop locations:

Stop Description	AM Route	PM Route
WIGWOSS DR EAST & ARROWHEAD DR	3009	3009
WIGWOSS DR WEST & ARROWHEAD DR	3009	3009
ANDY CRES & MARTIN GROVE RD	3050	3119
ANDY CRES NORTH & IONA CRES	3050	3119
CASTLEPOINT DR & LANTERNA CRES EAST	3088	3067
CASTLEPOINT DR & LANTERNA CRES WEST	3088	3067
CONDOTTI DRIVE & CRESTLAWN GATE	3062	3078
DAVIDSON DR & WAYMAR HEIGHTS BLVD	3009	3009
DOLORES CRES & ANTONIA CRT	3088	3067
DOLORES CRES & GAETANO CRT	3088	3067
HELEN ST & VITTORIO DE LUCA DR	3062	3009
HIGHWAY 27 & SANREMO CRT	3088	3067
JEANNE DR & JULES AVE NORTH	3009	3009
JULES AVE & RIVERVIEW AVE	3009	3009
MARTIN GROVE RD & CONDOTTI DR	3015	3043
MEETING HOUSE RD & ROSEBURY LANE	3080	3053



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PINE VALLEY DR & ROYAL GARDEN BLVD	3049	3145
PINE VALLEY DR & GARVIEW CRT	3049	3145
PINE YORK AVE & TERRA RD	3049	3145
RIVERSIDE DR & BIRCH HILL RD	3009	3009
SICILIA ST & MARTIN GROVE RD	3088	3067
TALL GRASS TR & SYDEL CRES	3049	3145
VILLA PARK DR & YELLOW PINE CRES	3009	3009
WIGWOSS DR & FREDRICK ST	3009	3009

Parents and students who wish to access York Region Transit information should visit www.yorkregiontransit.com or call 1-866-668-3978 for further information.

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this service revision and best wishes for a continued safe and successful school year.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Attached is a notice from **Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR)** regarding a service change which may impact your child this September (2024).

STSYR recently reviewed transportation for Our Lady of Fatima within the area of Clarence Street and Woburn Drive. The crossing guard at this location addresses a potential hazard previously identified by STSYR, when setting up the current non-transportation zone for Our Lady of Fatima. With this review the non-transportation zone has been redrawn to include a larger area of the community which, commencing September 1, 2024, will not be eligible for bussing.

Our records indicate that this area includes your address, therefore this letter is to serve as a notice that as of September 1, 2024 school bus transportation for your child may not be available. We are providing this notice now, to provide time before September 2024 to make alternative arrangements for your child's journey to school.

Transportation eligibility can be confirmed by calling STSYR, or checking the STSYR website at Schoolbuscity.com the second week of August.

The following images illustrate the change in the Non-Transportation Zone (shaded area) for Our Lady of Fatima CES.

Our Lady of Fatima CES non-transportation zone maps

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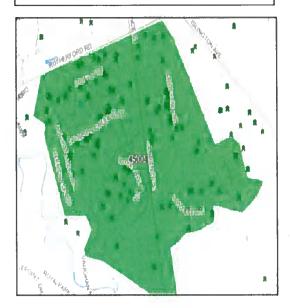




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We appreciate this service change may impact your child's journey to and from school and are providing this notice as an opportunity for you to make alternative arrangements for next September (2024).

Thank you for your understanding,

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c.c. Francesco De Bartolo, Principal, Our Lady of Fatima CES
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## Important Notice for Our Lady of Fatima CES School Bus Transportation Service Amendment

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

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After conducting a comprehensive review of the community, the non-transportation zones at Our Lady of Fatima CES will be revised in alignment with Policy 203, starting September 2024.

Effective September 2024, school bus eligibility may change for Our Lady of Fatima CES

students accessing the following bus stop locations:

Stop	AM Route	PM Route	Status
AVDELL AVE & BUSH DR	3051	3051	Stop will no longer be serviced after June 2024
AVDELL AVE & CARSTAD CRES EAST	3051	3051	Stop will be in place for students in Grades JK-3 only
AVDELL AVE & CARSTAD CRES WEST	3051	3051	Stop will be in place for students in Grades JK-3 only
AVDELL AVE & ST MICHELE PL EAST	3051	3051	Stop will no longer be serviced after June 2024
AVDELL AVE & ST MICHELE PL WEST	3051	3051	Stop will no longer be serviced after June 2024
CARTANYA CRT & BUSH DR	3009	3129	Stop will no longer be serviced after June 2024
CLARENCE ST & MODESTO GARDENS	3105	3309 M	Stop will be in place for students in Grades JK-3 only
DEERCHASE CIRCLE & DUNFOREST GATE	3049	3049	Stop will be in place for students in Grades JK-3; some students in Grades 4-8 may remain eligible

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ROSELAWN DR & LONGVIEW CRES	3021	3021	Stop will be in place for students in Grades JK-3 only
ROSELAWN DR & SHAMROCK CRES NORTH	3021	3021	Stop will no longer be serviced after June 2024
ROSELAWN DR & SHAMROCK CRES SOUTH	3021	3021	Stop will no longer be serviced after June 2024
SHAWBRIDGE BLVD & GIDLEIGH PARK CRES EAST	3051	3051	Stop will be in place for students in Grades JK-3 only
THOMPSON CREEK BLVD & GREGORY SCOTT DR	3021	3021	Stop will no longer be serviced after June 2024
THOMPSON CREEK BLVD & ROSELAWN DR	3021	3021	Stop will no longer be serviced after June 2024
VAUGHAN MILLS RD & ADMIRAL CRT	3049	3049	Stop will be in place for students in Grades JK-3 only
VAUGHAN MILLS RD & AVDELL AVE	3049	3049	Stop will be in place for students in Grades JK-3 only
VAUGHAN MILLS RD & CIPRIANO CRT	3049	3049	Stop will be in place for students in Grades JK-3 only
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VAUGHAN MILLS RD & THOMPSON CREEK BLVD	3049	3049	Stop will no longer be serviced after June 2024
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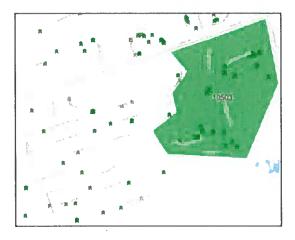
Through a regular review of transportation eligibility, an area within the attendance boundary for Holy Name CES that has previously received transportation service, will not eligible for service in September (2024) due to sidewalk additions and the extension of Lavender Valley Road. To reflect this change STSYR has amended the non-transportation zone (NTZ) for all grades which will result in school bus service changes effective September 1, 2024.

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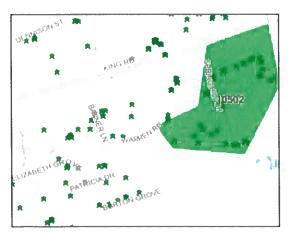
The following images illustrate the change in the Non-Transportation Zone (shaded area) for Holy Name CES.

Holy Name CES non-transportation zone maps

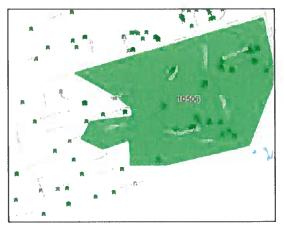
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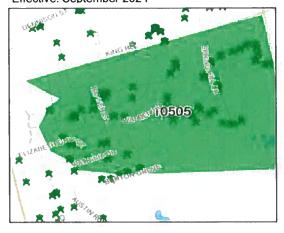
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Effective September 2024, school bus eligibility may change for Holy Name CES students accessing the following bus stop locations:

Stop	AM Route	PM Route	Status
16 BURTON GROVE	3138	3155	Stop will no longer be serviced after June 2024
450 WARREN RD	9216	6037	Stop will no longer be serviced after June 2024
465 WARREN RD		6037	Stop will no longer be serviced after June 2024
88 BURTON GROVE	3138	3155	Stop will be in place for students in Grades JK-3; some students in Grades 4-8 may remain eligible.
BANNER LANE & BENNET DRIVE		6037	Stop will be in place for students in Grades. JK-3 only
BENNET DR & FORDE CRES (East)		6037	Stop will no longer be serviced after June 2024
BENNET DR & FORDE CRES(West)	9224	6037	Stop will be in place for students in Grades. JK-3 only
ELIZABETH GROVE & BANNER LANE		3037	Stop will be in place for students in Grades. JK-3 only
HOLLINGSWORTH DR & KINGSLYNN DR	3137	6037	Stop will be in place for students in Grades. JK-3 only
PATRICIA DR & ELIZABETH GROVE	3137	3037	Stop will be in place for students in Grades JK-3; some students in Grades 4-8 may remain eligible.

PATTON ST & WARREN RD	3137	6037	Stop will be in place for students in Grades. JK-3 only

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