



October 23, 2018

Parents/Guardians:

Since the beginning of the school year, the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) has been working with Stock Transportation to resolve a number of challenges related to the daily transportation of students.

Starting on October 29, 2018 and continuing for a number of weeks, Stock will be phasing in 37 additional buses to our school system. The addition of these buses will help improve the efficiency of routing, which will mean greater consistency in arrival and departure times.

The process of introducing this number of buses to our system from start to finish will take some time. First, buses need to be purchased and safety inspected. Next, drivers need to be hired and undergo training before being assigned to transport children.

Phasing in these changes will also allow Stock to focus their attention on a particular area or family of schools and ensure the changes are fully implemented before moving on to the next area or family.

As these changes are implemented, Stock will communicate with families through [BusPlanner](#) if there are any modifications to your child's routing.

We also know there are families waiting for a response to their application for courtesy seating. All outstanding courtesy applications will be processed by mid-November and notifications will be sent via email to all respective parents/guardians.

Until your courtesy application is processed, please continue to have your child follow the transportation arrangements that are currently in place.

Moving forward, you can expect to receive communication directly from Stock of any changes that may impact your child's transportation. We will also continue to post information on the HRCE website at: www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/student-transportation .

Thanks,

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