



**Halifax**  
Regional Centre for Education

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Good evening parents/guardians:

We know many families have expressed concerns related to school bus transportation this year. Concerns about late buses, issues with routing and problems with introducing new software are a few of the significant challenges that have occurred during the first three weeks of the school year. We are also growing with more than 700 additional students registering in Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) schools since the end of August.

Yesterday, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) issued a [news release](#), announcing funding for up to 37 additional buses for the HRCE. This funding will remedy many of the outstanding concerns raised by parents/guardians. We are working with our service provider, Stock Transportation, to put these buses on our roads as soon as possible. Details on the implementation plan will be shared with families of the students who use Stock as they are developed.

The news release also announced a province-wide review of bus policies and service standards. EECD will begin the consultation process with the launch of an online survey in October. I hope you will share your views. The department will also consult with School Advisory Councils, principals and the newly formed Provincial Advisory Council on Education.

The feedback gathered through the survey and consultations will inform a new provincial student transportation policy for implementation next school year. Once the provincial policy is finalized, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development will communicate any changes to families.

In the meantime, please continue reach out to us if you have concerns with busing. You can email us at [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca) or by calling 902-464-2000 x. 2871. You can also submit a concern through [Bus Report](#).

Thank you for your patience.

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