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Update on Student Transportation

Dear Families:

Last June, we let you know that the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) would end the current student transportation contract at the end of the 2019-20 school year. In July, we issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to determine what options were available for student transportation services in our region.

Where are we now?

Today we announced that the HRCE has awarded contracts to three (3) service providers that will begin transporting students in September. The successful service providers competed in a rigorous, fair and objective RFP process that required them to demonstrate their ability to provide a safe and reliable transportation service for all our families and schools.

Student Transportation of Canada Inc., Southland Transportation Ltd., and National Passenger Services (Canada) (also known as Stock Transportation Ltd.) are the successful providers for student transportation in the Halifax region starting in September 2020. The service providers will supply, maintain and drive buses and deliver students safely and on time to school.

How will these contracts be better than the last one?

Under the new contracts, the providers will be focused on getting students to school safely and on time throughout the school year. As of September, HRCE will be responsible for routing and communications with families. If a parent/guardian has a question or concern about their child's route, bus driver or schedule, they now call the HRCE. Under the current contract, communications and routing are handled by the current service provider, which is not a common practice.

What do families need to know?

- There will be no change in bus service for this school year.
- The current service provider will continue to bus students for the remainder of the school year.
- You will continue to receive [BusPlanner](#) notifications if there are any updates or modifications to your child(ren)'s routing.
- We will contact you about your child(ren)'s routing for next year this summer so that you have the information you need about your student transportation in advance of September.



Who will be busing my child to school this September?

Below is the listing of the Families of Schools that will be serviced by the transportation service providers this fall.

Transportation Service Providers	Student Transportation of Canada Inc.	Southland Transportation Ltd.	National Passenger Services (Canada)
	Citadel High	Auburn Drive	
	Duncan MacMillan	Bedford and Forsyth	
	Eastern Shore	Education Centres (BFEC)	
HRCE Families of Schools	Halifax West	Charles P. Allen	All HRCE schools - Special Needs Transportation
	J.L. Ilsley	Cole Harbour District	
	Millwood	Dartmouth High	
	Lockview	Island View	
	Musquodoboit Rural	Prince Andrew	
	Sir John A. Macdonald	Sackville High	

Families can identify their school and school bus service provider for next year at: www.hrce.ca/transportation/2020

We are currently working with our service providers to ensure a successful startup in September with optimized routing to create a better and more reliable service.

We are confident that the new contracts will allow us to provide all students, families and schools with a better student transportation experience.

Between now and September, we will communicate regularly with families via email with any updates or helpful information about your child(ren)'s transportation.

Our HRCE Transportation Team is here to support all families with student transportation.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 902-431-4723 (HRCE) or email transportation@hrce.ca.

For more information on busing, visit www.hrce.ca/transportation.

Best regards,

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