



**Halifax**  
Regional Centre for Education

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Dear Families of Grade Primary students,

Welcome to the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE). We are excited to have your child (or children!) join us this September.

We know that starting big school is a giant step for little people (and their families), so we want to make sure you have all the information you need for a smooth start in September.

Over the next few weeks, members of HRCE's Transportation Team will phone every family of a Grade Primary student. If you have already heard from one of our team members, that's great!

The purpose of the call is to welcome you to our system and to follow up on a message you would have received from your child's school. This message included your child's Provincial Student Number as well as information about how to check if they are eligible for student transportation through BusPlanner's Parent Portal.

If you did not receive that information, we can provide it to you when we call. Or, you can reach out to us at any time at 902-431-HRCE (4723) or [transportation@hrce.ca](mailto:transportation@hrce.ca). HRCE's Transportation Team is here all summer.

Students entering Grade Primary are also invited to learn to ride the school bus safely in a free workshop offered by Stock Transportation. The *Journey Begins* workshops are hosted at the following four locations at 4:00 p.m.:

August 13 – Porters Lake Elementary  
August 14 – Georges P. Vanier Junior High  
August 20 – Sir John A. Macdonald High  
August 21 – Rocky Lake Junior High

All are welcome! Please call 902-481-8400 to register your child for this learning opportunity.

The first day of school for students is September 5, 2019.

Have a wonderful summer!

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