February 13, 2019

Dear Applicant:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Our File #: EECD/003/2019)

On January 17, 2019, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) received your request for access to the following records/information:

"Correspondence - in any and all formats, including paper and electronic - between the department and NLES RD related to so-called "courtesy stop" exemptions to the province's 1.6-km school busing rule. Date range of request is May 1, 2018, to the present."

A decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to provide access to some of the requested information and the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

Access to the remaining records, and/or information contained within the records, has been refused in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act):

Section 5: Application

5. (1) This Act applies to all records in the custody of or under the control of a public body but does not apply to
   (d) records of a registered political party or caucus as defined in the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act;

Section 40: Personal Information

40(1): The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy."

Please be advised that the following pages have been redacted in its entirety:

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As required by 8(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is unable to be disclosed and have provided you with as much information as possible. In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

.../2
You may appeal this decision and ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the decision to provide partial access to the requested information, as set out in section 42 of the Act. A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner. Your appeal should identify your concerns with the request and why you are submitting the appeal.

The appeal may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner  
2 Canada Drive  
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A  
St. John’s, NL. A1B 3V8  
Telephone: (709) 729-6309;  
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309  
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned by telephone at 709-729-7180 or by e-mail at garynoftall@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Gary Noftall  
ATIPP Coordinator
Hi David,

I spoke with the parent and school. The bus seems to be rather full but not over capacity. Implementing the 1.6 will take care of the capacity issue here for September. I will get counts done in the next couple of days and advise.

Thanks,

On Mon, May 7, 2018 at 10:21 Ross, David <DavidRoss@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Hey Gord,

I received a call from a [REDACTED]. Her busing was recently affected by changes to busing in the area; sounds like this was an area where busing was provided to students less than 1.6 km. The reason I am emailing is because she advised that this bus is running overcapacity and she said that there are days where children sit 4 to a seat. Can you advise?

Thanks,

David Ross
Manager of Finance & School Transportation
Financial Services Division
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

(T) (709) 729-4098

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Hey David,

As discussed, I notified two schools this year that we will no longer be providing transportation inside 1.6 km. Those schools were Templeton Academy (where we had 8 buses but now need 7) and Copper Ridge Academy in Baie Verte. The exact number of buses cut from Baie Verte remains to be seen (depends on if we can contract out an area that has one student remaining).

The other memo is relating to service to Humber Village but I know this one was discussed by all already.

Deidre Hutchings
Manager of Student Transportation - Western Region
Newfoundland and Labrador English School District
709-637-4620

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To: Parents and Students of Humber Village

From: Deidre Hutchings, Manager of Student Transportation

Date: May 9, 2018

Subject: Change in Bus Service

In order to ensure we are providing the most efficient, effective and equitable service for our students and school communities, the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is reviewing current bussing practices to make sure we are adhering to Provincial Government guidelines.

The District is aware that it has been practice to travel into Humber Village, over a privately maintained bridge for many years. However, this practice is in violation of our service directives.

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District’s mandate is to provide service to all bus eligible students via publicly maintained roads and bridges. As such, service will no longer be provided beyond the entrance of Humber Village. A new stop will be established at the intersection of Marble Drive and Humber Village.

This change will be effective as of September 2018 and all routes for the new school year will be updated accordingly.

Thank you,

Deidre Hutchings
Manager of Student Transportation – Western Region
Newfoundland and Labrador English School District
To: Parents and Students of Copper Ridge Academy  

From: Deidre Hutchings, Manager of Student Transportation  

Date: May 14, 2018  

Subject: Change in Bus Service  

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Therefore, this memo is to inform you that as of Sept. 2018, the District will be planning bus stops and routes that will strictly adhere to Department Policies and the District’s Courtesy Seating Protocol. The guidelines relating to this are listed below:  

1. Development of school bus routes to minimize distance and time students have to travel to the nearest accessible school  
2. There should be no bus stops located inside the 1.6 km family responsibility zone for the school  
3. Only eligible students, those residing 1.6 km or greater from their zoned school, will be considered when developing bus routes  
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While we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, it is our hope that by providing this information well in advance, families can make alternate arrangements.  

If you have any questions relating to the Courtesy Seating Protocol, or your child’s eligibility for transportation, please refer to our Central Public Enquiry Form located at:  
https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/busing/index.jsp. This webpage also provides further information on the overall student transportation efforts of the District, as well, for those who may be interested.  

Deidre Hutchings  
Manager of Student Transportation (Western)
To:Parents and Students of Templeton Academy

From:Deidre Hutchings, Manager of Student Transportation

Date:May 11, 2018

Subject:Change in Bus Service

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Deidre Hutchings
Manager of Student Transportation (Western)
Good Morning,
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"Thank you for bringing your concerns forward, it is really important for the District to get feedback from parents/guardians. The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is funded by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to provide transportation to students who reside 1.6 km or greater from their zoned school. If a student falls within the Family Responsibility Zone (less than 1.6 km) it is incumbent on the parents or guardians to provide a safe means for their children to get to and from school.

The District realizes there may be vacant seats on any given route. Families have the option to apply for courtesy seats in this event. Please refer to our courtesy seating protocol, located here. Hillview Academy will be accepting these applications in September.

The vast geography of the School District encompasses both rural and urban areas, and both have unique terrain that families have to encounter. Larger centers typically have heavy volumes of traffic to deal with and rural areas do not typically have sidewalks. In either circumstance it is the families responsibility to ensure their child arrives safely at a bus stop, if eligible for transportation, or safely to school, in the event they are not eligible. Concerns relating to road conditions should be brought forward to the entity responsible for that particular road. Information relating this can be found on our Student Transportation site found here.

I have visited Norris Arm on several occasions for work and pleasure. As you have stated, there are no sidewalks. This is similar terrain that families face throughout the District where schools are adhering to Department Policy. As previously stated, it is the responsibility of the family to ensure their child gets to and from school safely in the event they are not eligible for transportation.

The District apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause. We hope that providing this information early will give you the time required to make adjustments.

I hope this answers some of your questions."

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions relating to Student Transportation in your area.

Thanks,
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Manager of Student Transportation (Central)  
Newfoundland & Labrador English School District  
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Office (709) 256-2547 ext. 299

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On Tue, May 15, 2018 at 10:26 AM, Norris Arm Recreation wrote:

To Whom it May Concern,

We, as the Norris Arm Recreation Committee, feel that an eliminating the bus stops in 1.6 km radius of Hillview Academy (located in Norris Arm South) is not the best choice for our rural community and we deserve to be reviewed differently than larger areas.

We understand there is a basis set of rules but for smaller communities and there should be some kind of stipulations for the rural areas, you cannot base Norris Arm on larger areas like St. John’s, Clarenville, or even Grand Falls-Windsor.

There are no sidewalks located in our small town. In the winter times, the Department of Transportation try to do their best with snow clearing but sometimes it’s not until mid-day the roads are cleared.

The buses will past these kids and the bus stops each and every day on the way to school, none of the stops are out of the driver’s way.

We have no access to city transportation, daycare’s or before and after school care and it’s just NOT acceptable to think our kids can walk 1.6 km each way to and from school in the heavily wooded area.

Please re-consider this decision, and realize that in most rural towns, this cannot possibly be worth what it could cost us. Our children’s safety is OUR priority, there is no money saved that could ever be worth that.

Our biggest concern always and foremost is the safety of our kids in the community and we are hoping this is your concern as well.

I beg you to please stand up for our children, and make this right!

Thanks for taking the time to review our concerns,

Members of the Norris Arm South Recreation Committee

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“Our actions don’t speak louder than our words, they shout of who we are.” (Noah benShea)

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From: Ross, David  
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 3:54 PM  
To: 'gordonbarbour@nlesd.ca'  
Subject: Responses for 1.6 km busing changes

Hey Gord,

Can you confirm if you have sent correspondence to the following inquiries relating to the busing memo that went out? If so, can you forward me a copy of the response?

- [REDACTED] — May 14, 2018
- [REDACTED] — May 14, 2018
- Norris Arm Recreation — May 15, 2018
- [REDACTED] — May 15, 2018

Thanks,

David Ross  
Manager of Finance & School Transportation  
Financial Services Division  
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From: Gordon Barbour <gordonbarbour@nlesd.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 3:58 PM
To: Ross, David
Subject: Fwd: New Bussing Regulation

Categories: School Busing

As Requested.

Thanks,

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From: Gordon Barbour <gordonbarbour@nlesd.ca>
Date: Mon, May 14, 2018 at 1:43 PM
Subject: Re: New Bussing Regulation
To: [redacted]

Good Afternoon [redacted]

Thank you for bringing your concerns forward, it is really important for the District to get feedback from parents/guardians. The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is funded by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to provide transportation to students who reside 1.6 km or greater from their zoned school. If a student falls within the Family Responsibility Zone (less than 1.6 km) it is incumbent on the parents or guardians to provide a safe means for their children to get to and from school.

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On Mon, May 14, 2018 at 10:59 AM, [redacted] wrote:

To whom it may concern;

I am writing to you today out of concern for the newly proposed plan to eliminate bussing for kids within the 1.6 km radius from our school, Hillview Academy, located in Norris Arm, which is located in Central Newfoundland, and many other schools in rural Newfoundland.

While in some communities, or cities, having to walk 1.6 kms on a well constructed sidewalk, may not be an issue. However, in our town of Norris Arm, we are not in that category. We do not have sidewalks, in fact, we barely have a shoulder to the road in many areas of Gillingham Avenue, which is where our school is located. These little children are expected to walk on roads with no sidewalk, no shoulders, no cross walks, each and everyday to gain an education, up steep grades as our school is located on the highest elevation point in the entire town. Not to mention the fact that for most of that entire walk there are no homes, just strictly wooded areas, where there are often sightings of foxes, coyotes, bears, etc. Would you, yourself, feel safe walking to work in those conditions. Where, if something were to happen you have no home to go for help? Would you wish for your own children to be forced to walk through those conditions to gain an education in this province?

The highways are responsible for snow-clearing for that particular road in our town, as it once was the Trans Canada Highway. Many days, due to prioritizing, that road isn’t fully plowed until after 1pm. Our little children are really expected to walk to school in snow suits in waist deep snow, and have the bus pass them by with their neighborhood friends and classmates on it, due to this 1.6 km rule.

This new plan poses a huge safety issue for the children of this province. It is not fair, nor is it safe. That school bus has to pass by each of these children to get to the school. Are you really sure that there is enough benefit from this new rule that is worth putting all of these children, many as young as 4 years old, in harms way, all to get their education. We, the taxpayers of this province, certainly do not agree.

I urge each of you, to park your vehicles, and walk 1.6 kms to your workplace. Wear your snowsuits in the winter, and trudge up hill for 30 minutes, because that is how long it will take these children to walk 1.6 kms, or walk in the pouring rain, in the freezing cold, on the road, that does not have side walks, cross walks,
safe shoulders, through wooded areas, with wildlife on both sides of you. Honestly, would you wake each
day wanting to go to work? Knowing you have to do this, because someone decided you should. Do you see
any fairness in this situation? Because, I certainly do not, and I know I am speaking on behalf of many more
parents from this town, and surrounding towns. Surely there is another way to save money, rather than
doing so at the expense of OUR childrens safety!!

Please take the time and come to our town, and see the conditions of our roads, and put YOUR child in this
position. Let your 4 year old, or 8 year old or 12 year old walk in the conditions that I have suggested. Please
re-consider this decision, and realize that in most rural towns, this cannot possibly be worth what it could
cost us. Our childrens safety is OUR priority, there is no money saved that could ever be worth that.

In schools there are special precautions taken to assure the safety of our children at all times, measures taken
each and everyday to make sure they are safe, whether it be a call from school if they are absent, or to make
sure a parent is at home in case school is required to close early, and I appreciate those steps more than one
could imagine. hose in control of putting these precautions in place cannot possibly be the same people
who can so easily say, have them walk 1.6 kms to the school. In my opinion this is going backwards, not
forward. In a world where safety MUST be first in every decision made for these children, please re-think this
new regulation and realize how wrong it is to punish these kids for living within a certain area of town. With
the way the world is going, we are lucky to see children succeed and complete their education. Changing
rules such as this one, certainly will not give them any incentive to want to go to school every day if they
must walk in the elements of this provinces weather, and declining road conditions, while the bus passes
them by along the way.

I beg you to please stand up for our children, and make this right.

s.40(1)
A concerned parent of Hillview Academy
Norris Arm

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Perfect, thanks Gord!

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From: Gordon Barbour [mailto:gordonbarbour@nlesd.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 4:01 PM
To: Ross, David
Subject: Fwd: Busing concerns.docx

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Date: Tue, May 15, 2018 at 1:47 PM
Subject: Re: Busing concerns.docx
To: [REDACTED] s.40(1)
Cc: Terry Hall <terryhall@nlesd.ca>, Ian Sinclair iansinclair@nlesd.ca

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From: Gordon Barbour <gordonbarbour@nlesd.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 4:04 PM
To: Ross, David
Subject: Fwd: Public Meeting - Norris Arm TONIGHT

Categories: School Busing

This response was from Bronson Collins. AD of Programs in Central.

Thanks,

Gordon Barbour
Manager of Student Transportation (Central)
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Cc: Gordon Barbour <gordonbarbour@nlesd.ca>, Ian Sinclair <iainsclair@nlesd.ca>, Terry Hall <terryhall@nlesd.ca>

s.40(1)

Thank you for your emails regarding your concerns about bussing in Norris Arm. With respect to your public meeting request, there is no district representative available to attend. In consultation with our Student Transportation Division, including the Central Manager of Student Transportation Gordon Barbour, I would like to refer you to the message below...

Thank you for bringing your concerns forward. I understand your frustrations regarding the situation parents face at Hillview Academy. The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is funded to provide transportation to students who reside 1.6 km or greater from their zoned school. If a student falls within the Family Responsibility Zone (less than 1.6 km) it is incumbent on the parents or guardians to provide a safe means for their children to get to and from school.

The District realizes there may be vacant seats on any given route. Families have the option to apply for courtesy seats in this event. Please refer to our courtesy seating protocol, located here. Hillview Academy will be accepting these applications in September.

The vast geography of the School District encompasses both rural and urban areas and both have unique terrain that families have to deal with. Larger centers typically have heavy volumes of traffic to deal with and rural areas do not typically have sidewalks. In either circumstance it is the families responsibility to ensure their
child arrives safely at a bus stop, if eligible or safely to school, in the event they are not eligible. Concerns relating to enforcement should be brought forward to the police and concerns relating to road conditions should be brought forward to the entity responsible for that particular road. Information relating this can be found on our Student Transportation site found here.

The District apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause. We hope that providing this information early will give you the time required to make adjustments.

I hope this answers some of your questions.

Thanks,

Bronson

On Mon, May 14, 2018 at 10:35 AM, [redacted] wrote:

Good Morning,

Wondering if a representative from the School Board office can attend the public meeting in Norris Arm South tonight at the Boys and Girls Club at 6:30 p.m. regarding the 1.6 km bussing rule?

Our children's needs deserve to be heard over this.

Please let me know if this is possible.

Thanks,

[redacted]

Concerned Parent

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Discovery - Education and Early Childhood Development

From: Ian Sinclair <iansinclair@nlesd.ca>
Sent: Monday, May 28, 2018 9:58 AM
To: Ross, David; Deidre Hutchings
Cc: Re: Busing Issue

Good Morning

Thank you for bringing your concerns forward.

I understand that the same email shown below as being sent to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development on May 17, 2018 was also sent on the same day to the District's Manager of Student Transportation for the Western Region, Mrs. Deidre Hutchings. Mrs. Hutchings provided the following response to you on May 17th which conveys the District's message regarding your concerns:

Hello

Thank you for bringing your concerns forward, it is really important for the District to get feedback from parents/guardians. The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is funded by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to provide transportation to students who reside 1.6 km or greater from their zoned school. If a student falls within the Family Responsibility Zone (less than 1.6 km) it is incumbent on the parents or guardians to provide a safe means for their children to get to and from school.

The District realizes there may be vacant seats on any given route. Families have the option to apply for courtesy seats in this event. Please refer to our courtesy seating protocol, located here. Copper Ridge Academy will be accepting these applications in September.

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Deidre Hutchings
Manager of Student Transportation - Western Region
Newfoundland and Labrador English School District

Kind Regards,

Ian Sinclair

Director of Student Transportation and School Financial Support
Newfo
On Mon, May 28, 2018 at 9:23 AM, Ross, David <DavidRoss@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED] (s.40(1))

This is in response to your e-mail of May 17, 2018 regarding school transportation to Copper Ridge Academy and the 1.6 kilometre school bus policy.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s (EECD) school bus transportation policy outlines the conditions under which funding is provided to school boards for school bus transportation services to students attending primary, elementary and secondary schools. Under the policy, funding is provided to school boards to cover the transportation of students who live 1.6 kilometres or greater from their zoned neighbourhood school; otherwise it is the family responsibility to ensure their child arrives safely at the school. A copy of the policy can be viewed at the following link:


In instances where the bus is not full there may be an opportunity to avail of courtesy seating. Courtesy seating is administered through the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLES). A copy of EECD’s Guidelines for Courtesy Seating on School Buses is available at the following link:


EECD’s student transportation policies and guidelines are in place to provide consistency for students across the province. As it stands, the 1.6 kilometre criterion in Newfoundland and Labrador has been in place since at least the 1970s and is comparable to the other provinces in Canada.

Under the Schools Act, 1997, the province’s school boards are responsible for the organization and administration of primary, elementary, and secondary education within their respective districts. This includes, where school boards consider it necessary, the arrangement for a system of transportation of students to and from schools. By way of this response, I have copied Mr. Ian Sinclair, Director of Student Transportation and School Financial Support with NLES for consideration.
We will continue to listen to families and work with the school districts to address concerns and strive to provide quality transportation services.

Sincerely,

David Ross
Manager of Finance & School Transportation
Financial Services Division
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
(T) (709) 729-4098

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 8:59 AM  
To: inquiries, general  
Subject: Busing Issue

Recently, we received a memo from Copper Ridge Academy regarding the 1.6km busing policy effective Sept. 2018. We have a SAFETY concern with our [Redacted] year old child walking/travelling a major hwy entering the Town of Baie Verte in a commercial/industrial area to get to school. Its’ the main/only hwy entering the town where there tends to be people travelling excessive speeds. This area’s infrastructure doesn’t support this implementation. There are no sidewalks, cross walks, signage or traffic lights. The children would be walking in an area where there’s an intersection from another town. In this area there’s business and some of which are construction companies with dump trucks, ore trucks, back hoes etc. travelling this route. This hwy is maintained by the Dept. of Hwys’ which means in the winter it’s snow clearing/salting is done with plow trucks which is yet another safety concern of ours. This route isn’t classified as a school zone. Another safety concern is the brook that my child has to cross with only a guard rail protecting her from the narrow shoulder of road and the brook.

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Thanks,

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Hey David,

As discussed just now, unfortunately the District cannot provide the information you are requesting as we do not have it.

When the District tenders for service, the school receives the student eligibility list for each route at which point going forward Principals are responsible to track courtesy seats available based on any changes to their student population and then authorize, at their discretion, courtesy seats in accordance with the District's Courtesy Seating Protocol.

In 2-3 years when Bus Planner is fully implemented with all kinks worked out, we are planning/hoping to have the resources available to collect this courtesy seat information and input it into Bus Planner in order to track the full picture of students authorized to ride on a specific route (eligible students + approved courtesy riders).

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Ian Sinclair, CPA, CMA
Director of Student Transportation and School Financial Support
Newfoundland and Labrador English School District
95 Elizabeth Avenue
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Phone: 758-2330
Fax: 758-1258

On Mon, Jun 4, 2018 at 11:24 AM, Ross, David <DavidRoss@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Hi Ian,

Note below. Are you able to advise:

1) How many courtesy seats are available?

2) How many children were approved for courtesy bus seating?
Executive council require the information by 2, today.

David Ross
Manager of Finance & School Transportation
Financial Services Division
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
(T) (709) 729-4098

From: Smith, Paul C
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2018 11:20 AM
To: Stapleton, Don J; Ross, David
Subject: FW: Bus Seating
Importance: High

fyi

From: Pickard, Christopher
Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 11:16 AM
To: 'Cheryl Gullage' <cherylgullage@nlesd.ca>
Cc: Marnell, Debbie <DebbieMarnell@gov.nl.ca>; Smith, Paul C <SmithP@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: FW: Bus Seating
Importance: High

FYI – Time sensitive

From: Barfoot, Scott
Sent: Monday, June 4, 2018 11:14 AM
To: Pickard, Christopher <ChristopherPickard@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Joyce, Luke <LukeJoyce@gov.nl.ca>; Foote, Carla <CarlaFoote@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Bus Seating

Hello Christopher,
As discussed, please confirm the following:

1) How many courtesy seats are available?

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This info is required within by 2 p.m.

Thanks

Scott

Scott Barfoot
Director of Strategic Communications (Planning)
Communications Branch – Executive Council
709-729-4864

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From: Ian Sinclair [mailto:iansinclair@nlesd.ca]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2018 12:13 PM
To: Ross, David
Subject: Fwd: FW: Bus Seating

fyi: what Cheryl provided

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---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Cheryl Gullage <cherylgullage@nlesd.ca>
Date: Mon, Jun 4, 2018 at 12:09 PM
Subject: Fwd: FW: Bus Seating
To: Terry Hall <terryhall@nlesd.ca>, Ian Sinclair <iansinclair@nlesd.ca>

Just FYI -- the response I provided is below.

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Date: Mon, Jun 4, 2018 at 12:09 PM
Subject: Re: FW: Bus Seating
To: "Pickard, Christopher" <ChristopherPickard@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: "Marnell, Debbie" <DebbieMarnell@gov.nl.ca>, "Smith, Paul C" <SmithP@gov.nl.ca>

Hi Christopher,

I spoke with our Student Transportation division to confirm, but as you and I discussed this morning:
1) These figures are always in a state of flux. Any number that would potentially be provided would be a snapshot in time.
While new bus tenders are let with an estimated figure of ridership determined, that number usually is adjusted by the time the run actually begins at the school level.
Also worth noting is that, particularly with bus-owned busing, bus runs are also always designed to maximize ridership (usually) on a 70 passenger bus.

2) As courtesy seating is managed at the school level, the District has no data or information related to the approval or denial of courtesy seating. To generate those numbers would take significant amount of time and human resources, as we would have to contact each school and then the school administrator would have to also count their available seats, applications and potential denials.

The District cannot guarantee that there are courtesy seats in all areas. Routes are designed to ensure there is a seat available for every eligible rider and where there is excess capacity, we allow administrators to make available as courtesy seat as per the Provincial Government policy. (While excess capacity can be offered as courtesy seating, not all excess capacity is being demanded as courtesy seating.)

Let me know any further direction or if we need to discuss further.

Cheers,
Cheryl

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Cheryl A. Gullage
Manager of Communications | Newfoundland and Labrador English School District
Co-ATIPP Coordinator
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This info is required within by 2 p.m.

Thanks
Scott

Scott Barfoot
Director of Strategic Communications (Planning)
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OFFICE OF THE MANAGER OF CONTRACTED STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

MEMO TO: Parents/Guardians
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Hey Terry,

Lives in the Eastport area and is affected by the recent bus changes as he lives less than 1.6 KM and previously had a bus stop closer to his residence.

Dave

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 14, 2018, at 11:37 AM, Terry Hall <terryhall@nlesd.ca> wrote:

Hi David

I got a note that you spoke to a [REDACTED] and that it was felt I should call him.

Do you have any details of what the complaint is, your discussion with him and what area he is calling about.

Thanks

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Hi David,

The District is enforcing the EECD's guidelines. Section 4 of the Guidelines for Courtesy Seating on School Buses states "No new bus stops should be established less than 1.6 km from school to accommodate courtesy riders".

After our meeting, the District thoroughly analyzed the implications of such an adjustment. The District agrees with EECD's guidelines on this as currently written and does not recommend adjusting them to allow an extra stop(s) within the 1.6 km zone.

If EECD is considering adjusting its' guideline, it is critical that a meeting be held with the District in advance to discuss the challenges that such an adjustment would pose, such as:

- EECD's policy is to minimize time students have to travel on the bus
  - Adding stop(s) would negatively impact (longer ride) students who are eligible for the benefit of students who are not eligible
- Determination of a stop location(s)
  - In many cases there would be more than 10 students availing of such a stop inside the 1.6km zone; this alone poses a safety hazard (so many students at a single stop thereby going down a path of creating additional stops inside 1.6)
  - Location safety considerations (cannot commit to a stop at a certain distance/location across the board)
  - Resources required to determine safe courtesy stop locations
  - Run the risk of treating courtesy riders even better (i.e. closer stops) than eligible riders which would potentially increase parental complaints
- Consistent application/enforcement
  - Impossible to ensure adherence to single stop with current resources
  - Public/political pressure to move/change the single stop location would always be present - gets complicated and increases work duties (administrative and on-site bus stop inspections)
- Result in a Shift of who Benefits from Courtesy Seating
  - Currently, students who reside within 1km from a school typically do not apply for a courtesy seat as it requires the use of an existing stop a minimum of 600m away. This protocol therefore benefits students who reside closer to the 1.6km mark
  - If a stop was established at the 800m location, numerous students who reside within 1km of the school would then apply for a Courtesy Seat (increase in applicants).
  - Because a courtesy seat is awarded based on age, younger students who live very close to the school would get a seat ahead of students who reside just inside the 1.6km mark
For example: Grade 1 student residing 500m from school would get a courtesy seat ahead of a Grade 2 student who resides 1.5km from school - the current policy prevents such an issue.

- Capacity issues:
  - The more buses are filled to absolute capacity the more student transportation incidents will occur (student safety concerns and increased duties associated with investigating/addressing incidents).
  - Increased challenges associated with managing unapproved students trying to board the bus.

- Resources:
  - Courtesy seating is managed at the Principal level; to expand this courtesy seating service to include stops could increase the time Principals will have to spend managing it. District staff could not possibly visit all routes efficiently to establish stop etc.
  - The District does not currently have the resources to manage adding additional stops over and above all of the regular requests (normally into November or December responding to volume of bus stop requests from the beginning of the school year) - given courtesy ridership is not established until end of Sept.
  - The District does its best to manage 1,000's of stops today and adding and assigning stops inside the 1.6km zone would just add to the already time consuming task. The District really has a requirement for GPS technology on all buses and additional resources today to adequately monitor and enforce adherence of route schedules (which includes bus stop locations) prior adding even more stops.

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On Wed, Jun 13, 2018 at 2:45 PM, Ross, David <DavidRoss@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Hey Ian,

As per Paul's email below, can you advise if the district is considering adding a courtesy stop and adjusting the policy accordingly, or can you detail the implications this would have?

Thanks,
From: Smith, Paul C  
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 2:38 PM  
To: Ross, David  
Cc: Stapleton, Don J  
Subject: Re: Courtesy Seating MEMO - St. Peter's Elem (UIC)

As discussed during our meetings down there a few weeks back, is any consideration being given by the district re implications of adding a courtesy stop and adjusting policy accordingly?

Sent from my iPhone

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FYI. Attached is a memo sent by district regarding courtesy seating.

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Financial Services Division  
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From: Ian Sinclair [mailto:iansinclair@nlesd.ca]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 7:17 AM  
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Date: Thu, May 17, 2018 at 3:41 PM  
Subject: Memos Sent Home  
To: "Ross, David" <DavidRoss@gov.nl.ca>

Hey David,

As discussed, I notified two schools this year that we will no longer be providing transportation inside 1.6 km. Those schools were Templeton Academy (where we had 8 buses but now need 7) and Copper Ridge Academy in Baie Verte. The exact number of buses cut from Baie Verte remains to be seen (depends on if we can contract out an area that has one student remaining).

The other memo is relating to service to Humber Village but I know this one was discussed by all already.

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To: Parents and Students of Humber Village

From: Deidre Hutchings, Manager of Student Transportation

Date: May 9, 2018

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Thank you,

Deidre Hutchings
Manager of Student Transportation – Western Region
Newfoundland and Labrador English School District
To: Parents and Students of Copper Ridge Academy

From: Deidre Hutchings, Manager of Student Transportation

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The District is aware that in some areas of the province, there has been a practice of providing busing within the 1.6 km, family responsibility zone. Please be advised that the District must operate within the guidelines outlined by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Therefore, this memo is to inform you that as of Sept. 2018, the District will be planning bus stops and routes that will strictly adhere to Department Policies and the District's Courtesy Seating Protocol. The guidelines relating to this are listed below:

1. Development of school bus routes to minimize distance and time students have to travel to the nearest accessible school
2. There should be no bus stops located inside the 1.6 km family responsibility zone for the school
3. Only eligible students, those residing 1.6 km or greater from their zoned school, will be considered when developing bus routes
4. Students residing inside the family responsibility zone can apply for a courtesy seat. If approved, the student must avail of a bus stop that is located further than 1.6 km from their zoned school. Please note that courtesy seat applications can take up to 6 weeks to approve.

While we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, it is our hope that by providing this information well in advance, families can make alternate arrangements.

If you have any questions relating to the Courtesy Seating Protocol, or your child’s eligibility for transportation, please refer to our Central Public Enquiry Form located at: https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/busing/index.jsp. This webpage also provides further information on the overall student transportation efforts of the District, as well, for those who may be interested.

Deidre Hutchings
Manager of Student Transportation (Western)
Hillier, Claudette

From: Cormey, Janet
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 2:57 PM
To: s.40(1) @townofmarystown.ca
Cc: (anthonystack@niesd.ca); Browne, Mark
Subject: Response from the Hon. Al Hawkins

Please find attached a response from the Hon. Al Hawkins to your letter dated July 17, 2018.

Janet Cormey
Secretary to Minister
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
P. O. Box 8700
St. John’s, NL A1B 4J6
Phone: 709-729-5040
Fax: 709-729-1400
Mayor Sam Synard  
Town of Marystown  
P.O. Box 1118  
Marystown, NL A0E 2M0  

Dear Mayor Synard:  

This is in response to your letter dated July 17, 2018 regarding courtesy seating.  

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s (EEDC) school bus transportation policy outlines the conditions under which funding is provided to school boards for school bus transportation services to students attending primary, elementary and secondary schools. Under the policy, funding is not provided to school boards to cover the transportation of students who live within 1.6 km of their zoned neighbourhood school; however, as you know, courtesy seating may be available where space permits. Courtesy seating is administered through the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLES). Please refer to the following links to view copies of the relevant guidelines and policies:  


Guidelines for Courtesy Seating on School Buses:  

EEDC’s student transportation policies and guidelines are in place to provide consistency for students across the province. As it stands, the 1.6 km criterion in Newfoundland and Labrador has been in place since at least the 1970s and is comparable to the other provinces in Canada, including: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia. Also of note, in 2017 Saskatchewan increased the non-eligibility distance for school transportation.  

Under the Schools Act, 1997, the province's school boards are responsible for the organization and administration of primary, elementary, and secondary education within their respective districts. This includes, where school boards consider it necessary, the arrangement for a system of transportation of students to and from schools. By way of this response, I have copied Mr. Tony Stack, Director of Education/CEO with NLES for consideration.  

Sincerely,  

HON. AL HAWKINS, MHA  
District of Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans  
Minister  

cc: Tony Stack, Director of Education/CEO (NLES)  
Mark Browne, MHA - Placentia West-Bellevue
July 17, 2018

Honourable Al Hawkins
Minister
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
P.O. Box 8700
Confederation Building
St. John’s, NL
A1B 4J6

Dear Minister Hawkins:

RE: Courtesy Seating Protocol

I write on behalf of Council and the parents of Marystown to express concern regarding the Courtesy Seating Protocol that will be enforced for students attending Sacred Heart Academy and Marystown Central High School this fall.

Both of our schools are located in what is considered the ‘downtown core’ of Marystown where the majority of businesses are also located. This means that children residing less than 1.6 km from school will have to cross busy streets, two of which are highways owned by the Province. Children living on the south side of Marystown will have to cross Canning Bridge, also owned by the Province. This bridge is narrow in terms of current standards and can be treacherous during the winter months due to the lack of regular snow clearing on the narrow sidewalk. There are also two overpasses near the schools that fall within the 1.6 km radius. The lack of sidewalks in some areas means children will be further endangered by having to walk directly on the street.

Winter driving conditions will further impact the safety of our children. There are many open areas in Marystown and even on a good day, blowing snow can hide black ice or cause reduced visibility at times, putting a child at risk of being struck by a vehicle. The aftermath of a blizzard often results in narrowed roads or increased snow banks, making it even more difficult for pedestrians to share the roads with vehicles.

Younger children lack the ability to make sound judgement about how fast a vehicle is moving. They are slower to cross roads and their ability to react to a speeding vehicle or distracted driver puts them at a greater risk.
While we agree it's good for children to walk more for the exercise and fresh air and to learn a sense of independence, we do not agree with jeopardizing the safety of children. As Councillors, we do not agree that implementing the 'most efficient, effective and equitable service' by eliminating bus stops within a 1.6 km radius of a zoned school is in the best interest of our children.

Out of concern for our children, we ask that the decision to enforce the Courtesy Seating Protocol in Marystown be reversed to allow all children the opportunity to avail of bus services and attend school in a safe environment.

Council is available to meet and further discuss our concerns regarding the implementation of the Courtesy Seating Protocol in Marystown. Please feel free to contact me on my cell at (709) [redacted] or email me at [redacted]@townofmarystown.ca to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Sam Synard
Mayor

cc: Mark Browne, MHA
    NL English School District, Board Trustee, Central – Zone 10
    Gord Barbour, Manager of Student Transportation (Central)
That works. Tony will get the Skype connection info sent out.

Thanks
Bob

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 22, 2018, at 11:35 AM, Budgell, Chad <ChadBudgell@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Hi Mr. Gardiner:

Would 10am work for Friday’s meeting? Also, not all MHAs have webcams and mics so I will need the Skype meeting info and a teleconference number that I can distribute to everyone.

Thanks, Chad.

Chad,

See e-mail below, can you check with MHAS to see if 8am works

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

Hi Minister:

The only option for Friday would be for an 8:00 am meeting. Tony and I would then fly out Thursday evening and get the flight from Gander at 10:45 the next morning. Can we make that work?

Thanks.
Bob
Bob Gardiner  
Deputy Minister  
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development  
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
P. O. Box 8700  
St. John's, NL A1B4J6  

Phone: (709) 729 5086  
Fax: (709) 729 0414  

From: Hawkins, Allan  
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 2:10 PM  
To: Gardiner, Bob B <bobgardiner@gov.nl.ca>  
Subject: Re: busing meeting  

I have a function at 6 on thursday  

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.  

From: Gardiner, Bob B  
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 2:02 PM  
To: Hawkins, Allan  
Subject: RE: busing meeting  

Hi Minister:  

Flights for Friday are challenging. Given the MHAs are planning to be there Friday morning, is there a chance we could meet Thursday evening any time after 5? The MHAs may be there Thursday evening. Myself and Tony can get an afternoon flight out Thursday and back either Thursday evening (late) or Friday morning.  

Thanks.  
Bob
Thanks Bob. Since we have four MHAS coming although I value conference I think they would prefer face to face.

AI

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

Hi Minister:

Tony is available Friday morning. He hasn’t been in contact with Goronwy recently as [REDACTED]. How would you feel about myself and Tony joining the meeting by conference call or the district could arrange for you to go to a school and we could do the meeting by videoconference (Skype). I spoke with Tony earlier and he said once the courtesy seating is known (usually toward the end of September) the district would be looking at putting a stop inside the 1.6km zone. The stop would be determined based on location of the students as well as considering safety.

Bob

Bob Gardiner
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Fax: (709) 729 0414
I’ve forwarded to Tracy King to get TW to look at this option. I guess we would need some degree of comfort from MHA Dean before proceeding too far. I think we can communicate to him that the Boys and Girls Club drop off works and we just need to come to best option for students on sandy point Road.
1) Boys and Girls Club in Norris Arm -> it is in fact 1.1kms away - good news...that can be our 1 stop inside 1.6

2) Sandy Pt -> Gord looked at this; see the below image for info. (for perspective, Bishop Falls is to the West of this map)

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I have asked to Gord to speak with the Superintendent in the area for TW, Chris Hiscock (redacted) tomorrow to hopefully meet with him onsite to show him what would be required (to at least put this on their radar now in an effort to speed up the process should MHAs formally request this).

Please let me know if, and when, you would like me to update J Dean’s Constituency Assistant ok.

Thanks

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Ian Sinclair, CPA, CMA
On Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 10:08 AM, Ian Sinclair <iansinclair@nlesd.ca> wrote:

She was happy with the update yes; essentially discussed the same things we discussed earlier this morning...

- As of the end of June, it was understood that a Boys and Girls Club worker(s) would be at the existing bus stop at the 1.6km mark and escort the students back to the Club (our understanding is that it is approx. 200m from the stop). Regional Manager is going to measure the distance the Boys and Girls Club is from school to confirm as Google Maps says it is 1.1ks...I informed her of the implications if it is 1.4km vs. 1.1km

- Sandy Point - Regional Manager on site today to assess options. Really, the likely best/only solution is for TW to make space near the entrance to Sandy Pt road just off the highway so a) students can wait safely off the highway, and b) a bus can pickup/drop off students safely off the highway and be able to swing around. I said that this may possibly need to be pursued by MHAs/J Dean himself.

Again, she was happy with the update and said that she and J Dean went on the Sandy Pt road the other day and it was in horrible shape - agreed that it didn't make sense to go in there.

Ian Sinclair, CPA, CMA  
Director of Student Transportation and School Financial Support  
Newfoundland and Labrador English School District  
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St. John's, NL A1B 1R6  
Phone: 758-2330  
Fax: 758-1258

On Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 9:53 AM, Anthony Stack <anthonystack@nlesd.ca> wrote:

Thanks Ian, all good?

On 29 August 2018 at 09:37, Ian Sinclair <iansinclair@nlesd.ca> wrote:

FYI:

As requested Tony, I just spoke with Beatrice Baker (J Dean's Constituency Assistant) and updated her on where we are to with the Boys and Girls Club in Norris Arm and the Sandy Pt stop.
On Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 8:24 AM, Anthony Stack <anthonystack@nlesd.ca> wrote:

Ian, thinking we will need to liaise with Ms. Baker today. Come down when ready and we will make the call.

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Hawkins, Allan <AllanHawkins@gov.nl.ca>
Date: 28 August 2018 at 22:28
Subject: Re: Bussing
To: "Baker, Beatrice" <BeatriceBaker@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: "Haggie, John" <JohnHaggie@gov.nl.ca>, "Bragg, Derrick" <DerrickBragg@gov.nl.ca>, "Bennett, Derek" <DerekBennett@gov.nl.ca>, "Warr, Brian" <BrianWarr@gov.nl.ca>, "Dean, Jerry" <JerryDean@gov.nl.ca>, "Budgell, Chad" <ChadBudgell@gov.nl.ca>, "Spracklin, Brent" <BrentSpracklin@gov.nl.ca>, "Pitcher, Margot" <MargotPitcher@gov.nl.ca>, "Connors, Kara" <KaraConnors@gov.nl.ca>, "Gardiner, Bob B" <bobgardiner@gov.nl.ca>, Goronwy Price <goronwyprice@nlesd.ca>, "AnthonyStack@nlesd.ca" <AnthonyStack@nlesd.ca>

Thank you beatrice for the information that we requested on friday. I felt we had a very productive meeting and school board officials were very accommodating to the requests that were presented. One of the directives when the meeting concluded was that we would work internally to address the concerns of central MHAS. I felt that we had come to a satisfactory conclusion. With your specific requests the Board was looking at accommodating the drop off at the boys and Girls Club if the space permitted to have safe bus stop which I don't suspect would be a problem. At no time did board officials indicate they would continue picking up students on Bay d'espair highway on private roads. As a matter of fact Mr. Stack ask you to inform him of such if in fact they existed. Also, the Board recommended suggesting a location to pick up students from Sandy point in a safe location and you were to have discussions with parents to recommend an appropriate location because the NL Hydro on the highway was rumored to be the location which didn't make any sense. Once these options have been discussed then board officials will work to accommodate as best they can. As you may be aware there are many private roads across the province that we do not provide bussing and the Sandy point road is another example. To compound the problem there are three bridges on this road that are not maintained or inspected on a regular basis. I believe if we all work together on this we can find an amicable solution.

Al

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From: Ross, David
Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 1:36 PM
To: Ian Sinclair
Subject: [Potential Junk/Spam] Re: Inquiry from [redacted] s.40(1)

Yes, I gave [redacted] a call and relayed that a memo would be coming. Thanks.

David Ross
Manager of Finance & School Transportation
Financial Services Division
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
(T) (709) 729-4098

From: Ian Sinclair [mailto:iansinclair@nlesd.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2018 12:35 PM
To: Ross, David
Subject: [Potential Junk/Spam] Re: Inquiry from [redacted] s.40(1)

Hey,

As per our conversation, I understand you were going to call him back and inform him of what the District will be doing a.k.a. the messaging on the draft memo I provided you.

Thanks

Ian Sinclair, CPA, CMA
Director of Student Transportation and School Financial Support
Newfoundland and Labrador English School District
95 Elizabeth Avenue
St. John's, NL A1B 1R6
Phone: 758-2330
Fax: 758-1258

On Wed, Sep 5, 2018 at 9:57 AM, Ross, David <DavidRoss@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Hey Ian,

Minister's Office got a call from [redacted] in Eastport. I spoke with the individual twice in June. He lives within the 1.6, the bus drives past his house with only 3 kids on it; at the time I confirmed this with Gord. I recall for him to go back to the nearest stop would be just as far as walking to school. He does not want to speak to me, as the conversation got nowhere in June. He wants the bus stop reinstated in front of his house, as it has in the past. Has there been a decision made regarding bus stops within 1.6 km? Can someone in your office give this gentleman a call this morning at [redacted] s.40(1)
Thanks,

David Ross

Manager of Finance & School Transportation

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FYI.

Administrators likely know by now so just FYI

Bob

Sent from my iPhone

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From: "Hawkins, Allan" <AllanHawkins@gov.nl.ca>
Date: September 5, 2018 at 4:09:41 PM NDT
To: "Bragg, Derrick" <DerrickBragg@gov.nl.ca>, "Dean, Jerry" <JerryDean@gov.nl.ca>,
"Bennett, Derek" <DerekBennett@gov.nl.ca>, "Warr, Brian" <BrianWarr@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: "Gardiner, Bob B" <bobgardiner@gov.nl.ca>, "Connors, Kara" <KaraConnors@gov.nl.ca>,
"Pickard, Christopher" <ChristopherPickard@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Bussing

Principals should now have notification that areas having a stop within the 1.6km last year will continue to have a stop this year. This should have been communicated earlier than today but it wasn't.

s.51(d)
Hey Ian,

Can you give me a call on this one?

David Ross
Manager of Finance & School Transportation
Financial Services Division
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
(T) (709) 729-4098

Hi Dave,

Please see below email from a concerned parent to District. FYI – Minister Hawkins will be meeting with MHA Parsons next week. Can you please follow up with Ian on this inquiry?

Thanks,
Kara

KARA CONNORS
Executive Assistant to
Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development

Phone (709) 729-1658
e-mail karaconnors@gov.nl.ca
Hey,

FYI below. The provincial imagery for this area is very outdated so Leanne is going out on Monday to measure where the cut off is for eligibility for the streets in the subdivision.

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Leanne Hubert <leannehubert@nlesd.ca>
Date: Fri, Sep 7, 2018 at 2:00 PM
Subject: Re: Amalgamated Academy School Bussing zone
To: Ian Sinclair <iansinclair@nlesd.ca>

Hi Ian,

The only way we will truly know the distance is for me to head there to do an actual measurement. I will head out on Monday morning to do this.

Leanne Hubert
Manager of Contracted Student Transportation
Office: 758-3165
Fax: 758-1258

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On Fri, Sep 7, 2018 at 1:37 PM, Carla Bradley <carlabradley@nlesd.ca> wrote:
Here is a reference image for the 1.6 km zone for Amalgamated in this area.

Carla Bradley, B.A., D.GIS
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Website: https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/busing/index.jsp

On 7 September 2018 at 09:23, Leanne Hubert <leannehubert@nlesd.ca> wrote:
Can you look into this to see about the eligibility. I will head out to the area if needed.

On Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 8:11 PM, [Redacted] wrote:
Hello

I am writing to contest a school bussing zone decision that affects my child, [Redacted] (Grade [Redacted]) as he suddenly does not qualify for bussing. Our civic address is [Redacted] Bay Roberts. Our address does not show up correctly in Google maps. The address in Google maps is pinned further in the road at [Redacted] km qualifying us for bussing. However the house is actually across the road from [Redacted] [but google maps shows this address as [Redacted]. Incorrectly [Redacted]. is shown as a continuation of [Redacted] has been a bus stop for Amalgamated Academy for several years, including last year and this year according to posted information (image attached) route [Redacted]. According to google maps (image attached), this address is [Redacted] km from the school. I have measured the distance from my driveway (short driveway fits 2 vehicles directly across the road from [Redacted] bus stop) to the nearest accessible entrance to the school via shortest publicly maintained route (as shown in the attached image) and the distance according to the vehicle's odometer starting from 0.0 is [Redacted] km. We do meet the NLESDBD's published criteria for bussing 1.6 km from the school, taking the shortest publicly maintained route.

Please revisit this decision as is it wrongly affects my son currently attending grade [Redacted] and will also affect my [Redacted].

I realize you have to make decisions and have a "cut off" however to have this arbitrary border in the middle of a highly populated sub division with many children who attend the school seems unreasonable. This decision cuts the neighbourhood in half with some qualifying for bussing and next door neighbours having to make alternate arrangements for transportation for their children. I know this could have been done better.

If this is the wrong avenue to pursue the issue please inform me where I should forward this request.

If you would like to discuss further you can contact me at the numbers below or via email.
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Kind Regards

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From: Gardiner, Bob B  
Sent: Friday, September 7, 2018 4:31 PM  
To: AnthonyStack@nlesd.ca  
Subject: Fwd: 'Courtesy stop' exemptions coming for some N.L. school buses

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hawkins, Allan" <AllanHawkins@gov.nl.ca>  
Date: September 7, 2018 at 4:29:51 PM NDT  
To: Terry Hall <terryhall@nlesd.ca>  
Cc: "Gardiner, Bob B" <bobgardiner@gov.nl.ca>  
Subject: FW: 'Courtesy stop' exemptions coming for some N.L. school buses

Hi Terry,

Had several e-mails today from Minister Joyce. I informed him that there we would continue courtesy seating as per previous years which I'm assuming students mentioned in his e-mail had last year. Parents received a letter in May advising of changes for this September. According to the directive this week those receiving letters in May would continue to be picked up this year. Mr. Joyce would like to have this reinstated for next week. Thanks

Al
Hi David,

FYI

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-------- Forwarded message --------
From: Leanne Hubert <leannehubert@nlesd.ca>
Date: Mon, Sep 10, 2018 at 8:13 AM
Subject: Re: Amalgamated Academy School Bussing zone
To: [redacted]
Cc: Ian Sinclair <iansinclair@nlesd.ca>, Carla Bradley <carlabradley@nlesd.ca>, Christina Cox <christinacox@nlesd.ca>, pamparsons@gov.nl.ca

Good Morning [redacted]

There was a visit to your area over the weekend and measurements were taken. Your address, [redacted], is a little under [redacted] km’s to the nearest accessible entrance to the school.

According to the Guidelines for Development and Planning of Bus Routes, as set forth by the Department of Education, transportation is provided for “Only eligible students, those residing 1.6 km or greater from their zoned school”. Furthermore, the School Transportation Policies, state that “The distance to a school is defined as the shortest route by a publicly maintained roadway from the driveway of the student’s residence to the nearest accessible access to the zoned school property.”
For your reference, both of these documents are available from the following websites:


http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/busing/transportation_policies.pdf

Given this, your address is not considered eligible for busing to/from Amalgamated Academy. You may, however, apply for courtesy seating. A copy of our courtesy seating protocol is available on our website from the following link:

https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/busing/doc/courtesy_seating_protocol.pdf

Should your application for a courtesy seat be granted, your child may board/disembark the bus from an existing bus stop.

Please submit the courtesy seating application form to the school administration for review.

Leanne Hubért
Manager of Contracted Student Transportation
Office: 758-3165
Fax: 758-1258

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On Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 8:11 PM, wrote:

Hello

I am writing to contest a school bussing zone decision that affects my child, (Grade ) as he suddenly does not qualify for bussing. Our civic address is Bay Roberts. Our address does not show up correctly in Google maps. The address in Google maps is pinned further in the road at km qualifying us for bussing. However the house is actually across the road from [but google maps shows this address as incorrectly is shown as a continuation of . ] has been a bus stop for Amalgamated Academy for several years, including last year and this year according to posted information (image attached) route . According to google maps (image attached), this address is km from the school. I have measured the distance from my driveway (short driveway fits 2 vehicles directly across the road from bus stop) to the nearest accessible entrance to the school via shortest publicly maintained route (as shown in the attached image) and the distance according to the vehicle's odometer starting from 0.0 is km. We do meet the NLES's published criteria for bussing 1.6 km from the school, taking the shortest publicly maintained route.

Please revisit this decision as it wrongly affects my son currently attending grade and will also affect my

I realize you have to make decisions and have a "cut off" however to have this arbitrary border in the middle of a highly populated sub division with many children who attend the school seems unreasonable.

This decision cuts the neighbourhood in half with
some qualifying for bussing and next door neighbours having to make alternate arrangements for transportation for their children. I know this could have been done better.

If this is the wrong avenue to pursue the issue please inform me where I should forward this request.

If you would like to discuss further you can contact me at the numbers below or via email.

Kind Regards

s.40(1)
Discovery - Education and Early Childhood Development

From: Ian Sinclair <iansinclair@nlesd.ca>
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 2:39 PM
To: Ross, David
Subject: Fwd: Walk Zone Safety at Beachy Cove Elementary

--------- Forwarded message ---------
From: Ian Sinclair <iansinclair@nlesd.ca>
Date: Mon, Sep 10, 2018 at 2:07 PM
Subject: Re: Walk Zone Safety at Beachy Cove Elementary
To: s.40(1)

Hi s.40(1)

Your safety concerns were not ignored; I provided you with guidance on who has jurisdiction over the pedestrian infrastructure for which you have expressed concerns over; the District does not have authority of the areas you reference as it is not on school property.

The 1.6km policy is set forth by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development so you would need to speak with them about a change in their policy.

The main phone number for them is 729-5097; they would be able to direct you to an appropriate individual related to your concern.

Regards

Ian Sinclair, CPA, CMA
Director of Student Transportation and School Financial Support
Newfoundland and Labrador English School District
95 Elizabeth Avenue
St. John's, NL A1B 1R6
Phone: 758-2330
Fax: 758-1258
On Mon, Sep 10, 2018 at 12:10 PM, [Redacted] wrote:

Mr. Sinclair,

Thank you for the reply. I am aware of the courtesy seating protocol and have been using it for the past 5 years. I am disappointed that your reply completely ignores my concerns with the safety of walking to Beachy Cove. I would appreciate it if you can direct me to the individuals that are responsible for the policy and can speak to the reason it is in place and how it can be changed.

Thank You

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From: Ian Sinclair [mailto:iansinclair@nlac.org]
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 11:37 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: Dawn Sharpe; principal@beachycove.ca; Brazil, David J.; Leanne Hubert
Subject: Re: Walk Zone Safety at Beachy Cove Elementary

Good day

Thank you for your email, the District always welcomes feedback from parents.

Student safety is the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District’s (District) first priority.

Please note that the District’s mandate is to provide transportation for students who reside 1.6kms or greater from their zoned school. This is set forth by the Government of NL’s Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s School Bus Transportation Policies. This policy can be found at the following link:
The District accordingly ensures safe bus routes and bus stops for the provision of this service.

As you have referenced, parents/guardians of students who reside less than 1.6kms from their zoned school (Family Responsibility Zone) are expected to get their child to and from school by whichever means they deem safe.

The District does offer a Courtesy Seating service in accordance with the District’s Courtesy Seating Protocol which can be found at the following link:

https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/busing/doc/courtesy_seating_protocol.pdf

Any concerns you may have regarding safe walking routes or pedestrian infrastructure in your community should be addressed with your municipality or the organization responsible for road maintenance in your community as they have jurisdiction over this infrastructure.

Feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Regards,

Ian Sinclair, CPA, CMA
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On Mon, Sep 10, 2018 at 10:00 AM, wrote:

Good Morning Mr. Sinclair,

Over the last number of years a number of people have voiced concerns with the safety of the walk zone at Beachy Cove Elementary. To date we have yet to receive a response that addresses the root of the issue, which is the safety of Beachy Cove Road for walking. Attached are some pictures of Beachy Cove Road in the area of the school, within the designated walk zone, showing the lack of shoulders and limited visibility. These pictures were taken in the fall and as you can see the walking area is not adequate to stay off the pavement in many areas. During the winter months the conditions are even worse as the available walk area is further reduced. With the heavy morning traffic to and from the school and a lack of adequate shoulder for walking I feel that it is irresponsible for the school district to maintain a walk zone for this school that introduces an unacceptable risk for children. In previous responses from the school district I have been told that the safety of my children is my responsibility and not that of the district until they are inside of the school. I agree that I am ultimately responsible for their safety, as are all parents, but there is a fundamental flaw in your policy when I am forced to address the safety concern that the district does not acknowledge. Based on my interactions to date I am left believe that the policy at Beachy Cove Elementary is simply a cost savings measure in place to reduce the number of children that can avail of bus services. I would welcome a discussion around this topic at any time and hope that you would be able to provide so details and justification around the application of the walk zone at Beachy Cove. I hope you can understand my frustration around this topic as I have had similar conversations each year for the past five years and have seen no change. Safety is always first, no exceptions. I would hope that the School District has the same policy when it comes to my children.

Please contact me at any time for a follow up conversation. I would also invite you and/or your staff to join me for a walk to the school at 8am any day to experience the risks first hand.

Thank You
Hello,

Your request has been reviewed in accordance with the Guidelines for Development and Planning of Bus Routes, as set forth by the Department of Education (available from http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/busing/bus_route_planning_guidelines.pdf)

Clause VI applies to your request for bus service to [Street]

"In establishing school bus routes every effort will be made to remain on the main streets to minimize travel time. Buses may travel down side roads if students reside greater than 500 meters from the intersection with the main road."

In this situation, [Main Road] would be considered the main street, and [Side Road] would be considered the side roads.

According to data form the [Source], [Address] is [Distance] meters away from the intersection of [Main Road] and [Side Road].
Given that this distance is less than 500 meters, I'm afraid that at this time, we will unfortunately not be able to route the bus onto [Side Road].

I understand you have concerns about the safety of your child as they travel to and from the current bus stop location. Please note that according to our School Bus Transportation Handbook (available from https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/busing/doc/handbook.pdf),

"It is the responsibility of Parents/Guardians to:

1. ensure the safety and supervision of their children prior to pick-up by the bus and immediately after leaving the bus on their return trip home."

I'm sorry I couldn't be of further assistance.

Regards,

Ian Sinclair, CPA, CMA

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Thank You
Discovery - Education and Early Childhood Development

From: Terry Hall <terryhall@nlesd.ca>
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 9:38 PM
To: Evans, Brian
Subject: Re: Courtesy Busing
Attachments: Schools Included in Busing Pilot - Sept 10 - Brian.docx

Brian.... See attached. Basically, as schools complete the Courtesy Seating process/approvals we can then implement the one stop where appropriate.

I will also send you the response sent back Friday re. Templeton Academy (Meadows) from Min. Hawkins regarding inquiry from MHA Joyce.

Terry

Terry Hall, Assistant Director of Education
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NL English School District
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On Mon, Sep 10, 2018 at 8:36 PM, Evans, Brian <brianevans@gov.nl.ca> wrote:
Hi Terry,

A reminder to please send me the list of schools and communities that are eligible for the courtesy busing.

As you know we are receiving inquiries and need this so we can respond appropriately.

Thanks, Brian

Brian Evans
ADM - Corporate and School Infrastructure
Education and Early Childhood Development

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Schools Included in Busing Pilot (Potential Consideration for one stop within 1.6km)
*these are the schools who had changes as a result of May, 2018 memo

**Western Region (1)**

Copper Ridge Academy, Baie Verte
Templeton Academy, Meadows

**Central Region (40)**

Bishop White, Port Rexton
Botwood Collegiate, Botwood
Centerville Academy, Centreville
Christ the King School, Rushoon
Cottrell's Cove Academy, Cottrell's Cove
Donald C. Jamieson, Burin
Exploits Valley Intermediate, Grand Falls-Windsor
Forest Park Primary, Grand Falls-Windsor
Gill Memorial Academy, Musgrave Harbour
Helen Tulk Elementary, Bishop's Falls
Hillview Academy, Norris Arm
Holy Cross School Complex, Eastport
Holy Name of Mary Academy, Lawn
J.M Olds Collegiate, Twillingate
Jane Collins Academy, Hare Bay
John Burke High School, Grand Bank
King Academy, Harbour Breton
Lake Academy, Fortune
Leading Tickle Primary, Leading Tickle
Leo Burke Academy, Bishop's Falls
Lewisporte Academy, Lewisporte
Lewisporte Collegiate, Lewisporte
Lewisporte Intermediate, Lewisporte
Lumsden Academy, Lumsden
Marystown Central High, Marystown
Matthew Elementary, Bonavista
Memorial Academy, Botwood
Pearce Junior High, Burin Bay Arm
Phoenix Academy, Carmanville
Pt. Lemington Academy, Pt. Lemington
Riverwood Academy, Wing's Point
Sacred Heart Academy, Marystown
Sandstone Academy, Ladle Cove
Smallwood Academy, Gambo
Sprucewood Academy, Grand Falls-Windsor
St. Joseph's Academy, Lamaline
St. Joseph's Elementary, Harbour Breton
St. Lawrence Academy, St. Lawrence
Twillinge Island Elementary, Twillingate
William Mercer Academy, Dover
Thanks Terry.

When do you anticipate implementation date for the “one stop”?

Brian Evans
ADM - Corporate and School Infrastructure
Education and Early Childhood Development

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<Schools Included in Busing Pilot - Sept 10 - Brian.docx>
EXC/18/9/924

September 13, 2018

Mayor Jim Cashin
Town of Port au Port East
P.O. Box 160
Port Au Port East, NL A0N 1T0

Dear Mayor Cashin:

This is in response to your letter of September 6, 2018 regarding the 1.6 kilometre school bus policy.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development school bus transportation policy outlines the conditions under which funding is provided to school boards for school bus transportation services to students attending primary, elementary and secondary schools. Under the policy, funding is not provided to school boards to cover the transportation of students who live within 1.6 km of their zoned neighbourhood school; however, courtesy seating may be available where space permits. Courtesy seating is administered through the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESZ).

In collaboration with NLESZ, we are reviewing the “Guidelines for Courtesy Seating on School Buses” outlined in the current busing policy and will consider making some changes province-wide as it relates to establishing one courtesy stop inside the 1.6 km zone; however, there are over 1100 bus routes in the province and it will take time to appropriately review and make informed decisions on a priority basis.

I have copied Mr. Tony Stack, Director of Education/CEO with NLESZ for consideration. You are encouraged to work with NLESZ regarding your concerns.

Sincerely,

HON. AL HAWKINS, MHA
District of Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans
Minister

cc: Mr. Tony Stack
Date: September 6
To: Minister, Al Hawkins
Attention: 
From: Mayor, Cadding
Subject: School Busing
Number of pages including cover: 2
Comments:
Town of Port au Port East
P.O. BOX 160
PORT AU PORT EAST, NL
AON 1T0

September 06, 2018

Honorable Al Hawkins
Minister of Advanced Education, Skills & Labour
P.O. Box 8700
St. John’s, NL
A1B 4J6

RE: ST.THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL BUSING

Dear Minister Hawkins,

The Town of Port au Port East has some serious concerns with changes in how students are being bused to St. Thomas Aquinas School. There have been many complaints from parents/guardians, that students are required to walk further in order to meet the bus. Our town is located on route 461. This is the main road that connects all communities on the Port au Port peninsula with Stephenville and as you can appreciate, traffic is not slow. It is difficult for students that have to cross the highway to meet the bus. In addition the practice of complimentary rides for students living within the 1.6 km distance has been discontinued. There is growing fear that an accident is waiting to happen.

In this regard, we ask that you reconsider the 1.6 km policy change and revert back to past practices as it relates to the safety of children of Port au Port East. The bus to St. Thomas Aquinas has to pass by their door anyway so there would be no additional cost incurred by your department. We believe that students should not have to cross a busy street in order to get to school.

We are deeply concerned for the safety of our children and would appreciate it if you would give this matter your immediate attention before a serious accident happens. Our children are precious and it is our duty to protect them at all cost.

Yours Truly

[Signature]

Mayor Jim Cashin
Town of Port au Port East

Cc: Corey Ivany – Principal of St. Thomas Aquinas School
    John Finn – MHA District of Port au Port
Please see below Minister Al Hawkins' response to your e-mail dated September 7, 2018.

Dear [Name],

This is in response to your e-mail of September 7, 2018 regarding bus stops for courtesy seating at Cloud River Academy in Roddickton.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development school bus transportation policy outlines the conditions under which funding is provided to school boards for school bus transportation services to students attending primary, elementary and secondary schools. Under the policy, funding is not provided to school boards to cover the transportation of students who live within 1.6 km of their zoned neighbourhood school; however, courtesy seating may be available where space permits. Courtesy seating is administered through the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLES).

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Sincerely,

HON. AL HAWKINS, MHA
District of Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans
Minister

EXC/18/9/925

Janet Cormey
Secretary to Minister
Department of Education
and Early Childhood Development
P. O. Box 8700
St. John's, NL A1B 4J6
Phone: 709-729-5040
Fax: 709-729-1400
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Sincerely,

HON. AL HAWKINS, MHA
District of Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans
Minister

cc: Mr. Tony Stack
Good Day Hon. Al Hawkins - Minister of Education,

I have attached a letter that I sent to former Minister Dale Kirby at the start of last year's school year, voicing my concerns on the importance and need for busing in our area. RODDICKTON-BIDE ARM Cloud River Academy. I would appreciate if you could take the time to review the attached letter. With the announcement that came out a few days ago regarding implementing courtesy stops in some communities I am hoping that our town will be one of those communities included! I spoke with our principle as soon as school had reopened this morning to ensure he would check into the announcement, as he was not aware of it. As a courtesy, this implementation of placing a bus stop at the requested location that had been removed last year, would take a lot of stress out of my day. I know there are at least 5 kids that used that bus stop, and there is a bus that passed that very stop every morning. It even falls on an intersection so the bus is literally stopping there every morning as well. Please place a courtesy bus stop back in our beautiful town of Roddickton, so my children can use this every afternoon!

Thank you for your time.
I look forward to your reply.

Best Regards,
Safe Transportation

Thu 2017-09-14, 10:39 AM
To: dalekirby@gov.nl.ca
Cc: CMitchelmore@gov.nl.ca, TinaMBradbury@gov.nl.ca, KaraConnors@gov.nl.ca, LavinaCrisby@gov.nl.ca

Good Day Hon. Dale Kirby Minister of Education,

I am contacting you today regarding an issue involving the most important aspect of my life, my children. At the beginning of this school year our school, Cloud River Academy Roddickton, NL within Western Region, has been told to enforce and not under any means break/bend the 1.6 km busing regulations. As of this year my child cannot get on the bus after school to safely get transported to our home. My only option I am left with until this regulation is amended & realistic busing regulations are applied. Why can’t the bus be available to ALL students and a set fee be charged? I am willing to pay any amount to have my child safely transported to and from school. If this was an available option I could have my child picked up in the am, and safely dropped off in the afternoon, which would clear the congestion at the school grounds of the hustle & bustle of overcrowded parking lots. The available stop that was utilized last school year was inside the 1.6 km, but due to available seats on the bus the driver would stop and pick up the kids at that stop. There were children at that stop that used that bus daily. Now due to location being discontinued as a stop that adds 5 extra vehicles to crowd the school frontage every morning & afternoon to pick up and drop off those kids just from that stop alone.

This 1.6 km regulation is a clear example of how these rules were decided on with only city & bigger town limits being considered. The amount of children that live outside of...
the 1.6 km rule in Roddickton would not fill a bus, not even half full. On one side of the town of Roddickton beyond 1.6 kms includes approx houses, within these houses are possible school attending children. I have no doubt that at least 75% of Roddickton students can not avail of the busing system.

So, Mr. Kirby, I contact you as a very concerned parent, to please consider the option that all child can avail of the busing system, and pay a fee just to be able to utilize this service.

I ask you to please consider amending the busing regulations:

- Provide routine transportation for ALL CHILDREN!
- Eliminate the traffic congestion on school grounds!
- Ensure the safety of our children!
- Support the working parents!
- Help support the parents who do not have transportation!

Thank you for your time,

https://outlook.live.com/mail/ 9/7/2018
Good Day

Thank you for your letter dated September 11, 2018; the District always welcomes feedback from parents.

As you reference in your letter, the District’s mandate is to provide transportation for students who reside 1.6kms or greater from their zoned school. This is set forth by the Government of NL’s Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s (DEECD) School Bus Transportation Policies. This can be found at the following link:

http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/busing/transportation_policies.pdf

Parents/guardians of students who are availing of District student transportation are expected to ensure their child gets to and from their assigned bus stop safely. The District assumes responsibility once the student boards the bus and until they disembark the bus in the afternoon.

Parents/guardians of students who reside less than 1.6kms from their zoned school (Family Responsibility Zone) are expected to get their child to and from their school by whichever means they deem safe.

The District does however offer a Courtesy Seating service in accordance with the District’s Courtesy Seating Protocol and the DEECD’s Guidelines for Courtesy Seating on School Buses which can be found at the following links:

https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/busing/doc/courtesy_seating_protocol.pdf


This includes that no stops should be established less than 1.6km from school to accommodate courtesy riders.

Any concerns you may have regarding safe walking routes or pedestrian infrastructure in your community should be addressed with your municipality or the organization responsible for road maintenance in your community as they have jurisdiction over this infrastructure.

Similarly, any concerns you may have regarding speeding in your community should be addressed with your local law enforcement detachment as they are responsible for the enforcement of this section of the Highway Traffic Act.

I have spoken with the Principal of St. Thomas Aquinas and I am happy to hear that you have already been approved for a courtesy seat on route [redacted]. Furthermore, I am also happy to hear that you are able to avail of the bus stop located at [redacted] which is approximately 150 metres from your home.

I wish you and your children a wonderful school year!

Kind Regards,
On Wed, Sep 12, 2018 at 3:08 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

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Hi

My phone number is indicated below if you wish to call me and discuss your concerns.

On Mon, Sep 17, 2018 at 9:16 AM, [Redacted] wrote:
The following e-mail is to address safety concerns created by the enforcement of the 1.6KM rule pickup concerning bussing in our province.

[Redacted] at Coley's Point Primary and [Redacted]. Expecting children of that age to walk to school or be dropped off is a great safety concerning to all involved. How can one expect that age group to walk to school when there are no sidewalks, crossing guard or automated crosswalks?

[Redacted] went frantic about how it was not safe and that parents have to go right up to the steps.

[Redacted] during the parent/teacher meeting stated to us parents "it is not safe to have children walking among parked and moving cars."

The administration of CPP went even further and in their memo sent home to all parents concerning parking lot safety stated, and I quote "It creates a very serious safety concern where students are walking through cars unsupervised and can quite easily lead to serious injury."

If it is not safe to walk through the parking lot how can it be safe for them to walk upwards to 1.6 KM. How does the child get into the school if the parking lot is not safe and administration says it is not safe for them to walk in on their own. Are the teachers going to walk out to meet them?

If the staff and administration of CPP have such grave concerns regarding the safety of the children how can the NLES and the Department of Education display such a wanton disregard concerning the same topic. This is evidenced in not only the foolish 1.6 pickup rule but also in the non response to such concerns.

In speaking with the relevant parties last Monday I was advised to fill out the form online and submit at which time I would hear from someone within 72 hours. Well that time has passed and another 72 nearing and still no reply. Another parent has had the same result.

Just this weekend I spoke to a parent with a student in a nearby school and they advised that although they live at the edge of the 1.6KM the bus is making a stop within the 1.6 to accommodate students.

How can one route in one school make an exception to the rule and not others.
It is fine to say accompany the student, however, many of us rely on daycares to allow us to travel to work. Full day Kindergarten was promoted as allowing parents to get back into the workforce but now it makes it much more difficult to do so when you can only take a job that is nearby and which allows you to come and go based upon school time.

This safety issue should be a common sense issue, not a political issue which is appears it will have to become. Individuals are voted into these positions with the expectation that they have the ability to make sensible and viable decisions regarding all topics but in this one the boat has been missed.

The Province requires students to attend school once of age but yet don't want to provide the bussing to do so. It is about time it be provided before an accident occurs.

Sincerely,

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John Way
Director of Schools
Newfoundland and Labrador English School District

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Brian is in a meeting now but we can connect in half an hour or so if that works. I’m available until 1.

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From: Anthony Stack <anthonystack@nlesd.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:48 AM
To: Gardiner, Bob B <bobbgardiner@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Terry Hall <terryhall@nlesd.ca>
Subject: Fw: FYI -- EECID Change

Bob, need to discuss at earliest opportunity.

Sent from my BlackBerry - the most secure mobile device - via the Bell Network

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From: cherylguille@nlesd.ca
Sent: September 18, 2018 10:27 AM
To: anthonystack@nlesd.ca; terryhall@nlesd.ca
Cc: heathermay@nlesd.ca; lucywarren@nlesd.ca; edwalsh@nlesd.ca
Subject: FYI -- EECID Change

Folks,

Just had a call from EECID Comms making me aware that as of this morning, the reference to no stops within the 1.6 family responsibility zone has been removed from provincial policy.

Nothing has been put in in place of the reference and the Department does not plan to make any public announcement regarding it, but it will change some of our planned media responses for today. EECID is suggesting just removing any reference to it in our responses.

Noting for Senior Staff -- may need to advise your staff, as you deem appropriate or necessary.
Hi guys,

Here is response that is going out to concerned parents in Centreville.

Thanks, Brian

DRAFT

Thank you for your email of September __, 2018 regarding courtesy busing in Centreville.

Myself and department officials have met with your MHA, Derrick Bragg who has advocated on your behalf for courtesy seating on established bus routes. We have been working with the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESd) and have revised our policies to allow for a courtesy stop inside the 1.6 kilometre zone.

While I appreciate your concerns, the establishment of one courtesy stop on the existing bus route is an appropriate and reasonable compromise. Note that courtesy seating is administered through NLESd and may be available where space permits.

From: Terry Hall <terryhall@nlesd.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:51 AM
To: Evans, Brian <brianevans@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Re: Guidelines for Courtesy Seating on School Buses - REVISED

Brian... In Gander. Chatting with Tony and we will need to have a discussion.

Terry

Terry Hall, Assistant Director of Education
(Finance and Business Administration/Student Transportation)
NL English School District
(709) 758-2382
terryhall@nlesd.ca

On Tue, Sep 18, 2018 at 10:24 AM, Evans, Brian <brianevans@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Hi Terry,
As discussed, the Minister has approved revised Guidelines for Courtesy Seating on School Buses. There is now no reference to: "no new bus stops should be established less than 1.6km from school to accommodate courtesy riders".

We are going to post this on EECD’s website shortly.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards, Brian

BRIAN EVANS | ADM - Corporate & School Infrastructure

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The bus with the courtesy seating is only at 64 students total.

On Wed, Sep 19, 2018 at 8:57 AM Ross, David <DavidRoss@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

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David Ross
Manager of Finance & School Transportation
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Yes, that is right.

Where the numbers get a little high on this run in question is when we make our last bus stop at 1.1km from the school and pick up 16-18 students.
Lorne Head  
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Fax: 709 532 4277  
Cell: [REDACTED] s.40(1)  
email: lornehead@nlesd.ca  

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Thanks Lorne!  

So correct me if I am wrong...  

So this route is about 24km long with 1.5 students per seat (36 students) for approx. 22km of it...and then the 28 students within Baie Verte proper board the bus during the last 2kms.  

Seating is a good step; thanks Lorne.  

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The numbers that you reference are within this capacity.

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To: Ross, David
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Thanks,

Kara

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Thanks Lorne.

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Please see break down below.

Mings Bight Bus
36, K-12 students from Ming's Bight.
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18, K-12 students for courtesy seating.
Total 64

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Further to Lorne's response, yes, the courtesy riders filling up the bus...this stop a 1.1km was put in place as a result of the policy exception/change by DEECD. I understand Lorne's reference to 16-18 students as the number of approved courtesy riders for that route.

Lorne, can you provide everyone with the total number of eligible students for each route at Copper Ridge as well the total number of approved courtesy riders for each route?

Thanks

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From: Ross, David
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 12:57 PM
To: 'Ian Sinclair'
Subject: RE: FW: Student Transportation

Thanks, Ian

David Ross
Manager of Finance & School Transportation
Financial Services Division
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
(T) (709) 729-4098

From: Ian Sinclair [mailto:iansinclair@nlesd.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 12:00 PM
To: Ross, David
Cc: Carla Bradley; Leanne Hubert
Subject: Re: FW: Student Transportation

Hi David,

Since Sep. 4th we have received 435 inquiries; 319 have been responded so far.

I see that this was placed in the cue yesterday afternoon. There are 116 inquiries that have yet to be responded to and there are 94 that are in line to be responded to before this one.

I had a quick look...

[Redacted] is 1.4km from school, so it is located inside the 1.6km zone and therefore it is prohibited to be a stop as per the NLES's Courtesy Seating Protocol (no courtesy stops inside 1.6km).

[Redacted], which is a stop on this route, is located 400m from [Redacted].

I hope this information is helpful :)

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On Wed, Sep 19, 2018 at 11:36 AM, Ross, David <DavidRoss@gov.nl.ca> wrote:
Hey Ian,

Brian wanted me to inquire with you on the below inquiry. Has a response been provided to this individual? What is the outcome/status?

Thanks,

David Ross
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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hawkins, Allan" <AllanHawkins@gov.nl.ca>
Date: September 18, 2018 at 4:41:41 PM NDT
To: "Gardiner, Bob B" <bobgardiner@gov.nl.ca>, "Connors, Kara" <KaraConnors@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Fw: Student Transportation

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.
From: [REDACTED]  

Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 2:16 PM  

To: carlabradley@nlesd.ca  

Cc: Hawkins, Allan  

Subject: Student Transportation  

Hi Carla,  

I sent in a courtesy bus rider form last June to your office for my son, [REDACTED]. He goes to Holy Trinity High, in Torbay. I requested a courtesy seat with the school in September and he was granted permission to ride the bus but the bus stop he has to get off at, is miles away from our house. I sent in a new form to Mrs. Susan Perry and requested a new bus stop be added at number [REDACTED], Torbay, for him. Mrs. Perry was trying to get ahold of your office or the transportation company to figure out how to have this put in place but she still hasn’t heard back from anyone. Could you please help with this request? The weather is not supposed to be very nice this week and I really don’t want my son having to walk a long distance in the rain to get home each day. The catchment number is [REDACTED].  

Kind regards,  

[REDACTED]  

[REDACTED]  

[REDACTED]
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From: Gardiner, Bob B  
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 4:40 PM  
To: AnthonyStack@nlesd.ca; Terry Hall  
Subject: FW: Parent Meeting -  
Attachments: Centreville parent meeting.docx; ATT00001.htm

FYI

I think this is good.

Note the meeting will be Friday now as MHA Bragg is unavailable Sunday.

Bob

Bob Gardiner  
Deputy Minister  
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development  
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
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From: Evans, Brian  
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 2:04 PM  
To: Gardiner, Bob B <bobgardiner@gov.nl.ca>  
Subject: Fwd: Parent Meeting -

Christopher and Kara have reviewed and gone to Minister.

This hasn't gone to Tony yet.

Brian Evans  
ADM - Corporate and School Infrastructure  
Education and Early Childhood Development

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Connors, Kara" <KaraConnors@gov.nl.ca>  
Date: September 19, 2018 at 1:55:20 PM NDT  
To: "Hawkins, Allan" <AllanHawkins@gov.nl.ca>  
Cc: "Evans, Brian" <brianevans@gov.nl.ca>, "Pickard, Christopher" <ChristopherPickard@gov.nl.ca>  
Subject: FW: Parent Meeting -
Minister, 
Please advise on attached meeting invite?

From: Evans, Brian
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2018 1:45 PM
To: Pickard, Christopher <ChristopherPickard@gov.nl.ca>; Connors, Kara <KaraConnors@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Parent Meeting -

Please review.

BRIAN EVANS | ADM – Corporate & School Infrastructure

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Thanks for your invitation to meet regarding your busing concerns in Centreville.

As you are aware, our priority is to ensure the education of our students and it is essential that students of Centreville Academy be able to return to school immediately.

I am willing to meet with yourself and two other representatives from your parental group to discuss your concerns. Note however, that we remain supportive of NLESD’s position on this matter, particularly as it relates to the establishment of one courtesy stop on the established route inside the 1.6km zone.

As such, I would like to extend an invitation to meet with myself and a board representative in Gander at the NLESD Regional Office on Friday, September 21 at 11:00AM.
EXC/18/8/881

September 19, 2018

Ms. Carol Anne Haley  
MHA for Burin-Grand Bank  
P.O. Box 490  
Grand Bank, NL A0E 1W0

Dear Ms. Haley:

This is in response to your letter of August 17, 2018 regarding courtesy seating on school buses.

Department officials and I have been working with the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLES) and have revised our policies to allow for a courtesy stop inside the 1.6 kilometre zone.

While I appreciate your concerns, the establishment of one courtesy stop on the existing bus route is an appropriate and reasonable compromise. Note that courtesy seating is administered through NLES and may be available where space permits.

Sincerely,

HON. AL HAWKINS, MHA  
District of Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans  
Minister

cc: Mr. Tony Stack, CEO/Director of Education - NLES
August 17th, 2018

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St. John's, NL A1B 4J6

Dear Minister Hawkins,

My office recently emailed Mr. Gordon Barbour, Manager of Student Transportation (Central) for the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD), about rumours of protocols to be followed this coming school year as relates to the bussing of students. His reply contained information I find disturbing, namely that students who are approved for a courtesy seat would be required to use the nearest available designated (meaning outside the 1.6 km radius) bus-stop. Most disturbing is the rationale for reverting to a strict adherence to the Department’s Policies and Guidelines is to ensure the “safest, and most efficient transportation system” is provided.

I would submit to the practices that have evolved over the last few years, though not strictly following “guidelines”, have evolved because it was felt by those in authority a tweaking of said guidelines was in order and would increase safety and make for a more efficient transportation system. As you would no doubt agree, policies and guidelines are not inflexible rules, and when the need arises, are permitted to evolve to meet the needs of the people they are meant to serve.

By way of example of the regressive nature of this determination for the coming school year, a [redacted] year old child living on [redacted] in Fortune and who has been approved for a courtesy seat, will now be expected to walk to a bus-stop near Rona Building Supplies on the Grand Bank-Fortune highway. A highway directly adjacent to the ocean and open to the elements (which in this area means extremely high winds) and traffic travelling at a rate of highway speeds. I fail to see how this at all addresses the issue of increased safety. In fact, safety is compromised by this move. Nor do I see how this makes for increased efficiency. I am skeptical that schools have to deal with increased tardiness because buses are making two or three extra stops for students within the 1.6km radius.

Minister, I am asking you consult with the NLESD about this regressive move, and seek to have protocols followed last year remain in place for the coming school year. I also ask you have officials in your Department revisit the Policies and Guidelines that presently exist and update them to reflect the needs of today’s school system.

Thank you for your time in dealing with this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Carol Anne Haley
MHA for Burin-Grand Bank
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health and Community Services

cc. Mr. Tony Stack, Director, Newfoundland and Labrador English School District
P.O. Box 490 | Grand Bank, NL | A0E 1W0
(709) 832-2530 | Fax: (709) 832-2534
Dear [Redacted],

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Sincerely,

HON. AL HAWKINS, MHA
District of Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans
Minister

EXC/18/9/975

Minister Hawkins,

Please take a moment to read a concern regarding the 1.6 family responsibility zone for our children who are not entitled to ride a school bus.

We live on [Redacted] km from the new Brookside Intermediate in Portugal Cove-St. Philip's. I spent the majority of the last school year sending letters to both Mr. Dale Kirby and the district office, stating safety concerns, sending pictures of unsafe walk zones and trying to get a bus for my children. Most of these letters were ignored or I received a copy and paste letter from last year. We are now faced with a new safety concern for our children who have to walk to and from school.

Attached is the letter from our principal stating a situation in our community where a young person was approached by an individual in a vehicle. This situation is concerning and the RNC are investigating. We are being warned of a safety issue but yet some of our children still have to walk alone to and from school, sometimes in remote areas.
Some families have no choice but to have their children walk to and from school with no bus available to them and no other transportation available to them. For the safety of all of our children, please reconsider the 1.6 and give all of our children a safe passage to school.
Good-day Brookside families,

Please be advised we have become aware of a concerning situation said to have taken place within Portugal Cove - St. Philips, in the area of Dogberry Hill Road. It has been reported that while walking in the evening, a young person was approached by a unknown individual in a vehicle. The young person was able to run to a nearby home and contact a parent to ensure their safety.

The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary has been advised and are investigating.

We know situations of this type cause concern for families and for students, and we want to make you aware of the actions we have taken at the school level.

Over the coming days the school, in consultation with our RNC's Community Liaison Officer, will be having short, age-appropriate discussions with students about encounters with strangers and what to do when they are involved in uncomfortable or frightening situations, and the best people to talk to about these situations (such as family, police and teachers).

We encourage you to continue these discussions at home and to establish open lines of communications with your children regarding such important personal safety information.

If you are looking for more information or resources to inform these discussions with your children, feel free to use the resource link provided below for numerous fact sheets and discussion starters. Kids in the Know is one of a number of resources provided for families through the Internet and Social Media Safety (ISMS) program.

https://www.kidsintheknow.ca/app/en/parents-educational_tools

If you have any further information on the original incident, please contact the RNC.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact the main office.

Regards,

Doug Pippy - Principal
Dave Baldwin - Assistant Principal
EXC/18/9/975

Email response to [REDACTED] s.40(1)

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District of Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans
Minister

cc: Tony Stack
Hey Ian,

See email below. There are two questions here:

1. With regards to courtesy seating – if an eligible student on bus X gets approved for a courtesy seat on bus Y to a day care, what happens to the seat on bus X? Does it remain empty?

2. Can you advise on the scenario given below on the bus route: Civic address of constituent is [redacted] and there is a bus stop on Porters Rd, which is closer to the school. When I look at Google it appears as though there would be houses on Porters Rd that would be outside 1.6KM from the school; can you confirm?

Thanks,

David Ross
Manager of Finance & School Transportation
Financial Services Division
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
(T) (709) 729-4098

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Hi Dave,

As per our conversation, [redacted] has question of how Courtesy seats are distributed in regards to childcare centers? Also questioning bus routes in her area; her civic address is [redacted] from school she is saying bus making stops on Porters Road which is closer to the school?

Thanks,

Kara

KARA CONNORS
Executive Assistant to
Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development

Phone (709) 729-1658
e-mail karaconnors@gov.nl.ca
Good Day

Thank you for your email.

I am sorry to hear of your frustration.

Carla Bradley is the District's Student Transportation GIS Specialist and is not a direct point of contact for email or phone inquiries from the public so I am curious as to how you initially began calling and emailing her regarding your inquiry. It would be appreciated if you could provide this information so we can correct that miscommunication.

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However, I have taken a look at your inquiry.
I see that your residence is 1.4km from the school your child attends, Holy Trinity High. As communicated to you by the Student Transportation Division on May 23, 2018 in response to a previous Public Inquiry of yours, this means that your child is not eligible for student transportation.

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Based on your previous inquiries, I am glad to see that you have been approved for a courtesy seat!

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You reference a location in the area of [redacted] as a desired bus stop location to be added, however, this area is located inside the 1.6km zone of the school.

I’d like to point out that there is an existing bus stop located at [redacted] which is approximately 250-300m from [redacted].

On this basis, your bus stop request is therefore not approved at this time.

Please note that, as per the District’s Student Transportation Handbook under the Responsibilities of Parents/Guardians section, it states:

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The following is a link to this Handbook:


Please feel free to give me a call directly if you wish to discuss this further (my direct phone number is in my signature).

Kind Regards,

Ian Sinclair, CPA, CMA
Director of Student Transportation and School Financial Support
Newfoundland and Labrador English School District
On Tue, Sep 25, 2018 at 8:55 AM [Redacted] wrote:

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Hi Carla,

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Regards,
Hi Carla,

I just wanted to follow up with you to see if you received this email and my form. I was hoping to get something put in place for my son as soon as possible due to the cold and wet weather. Sorry, I totally understand that you’re busy this time of year. Thanks again.
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Hi Tony:

Any update on this?

Thanks

Bob

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hawkins, Allan" <AllanHawkins@gov.nl.ca>
Date: September 25, 2018 at 3:56:38 PM NDT
To: "Connors, Kara" <KaraConnors@gov.nl.ca>, "Gardiner, Bob B" <bobgardiner@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Fw: Student Transportation

Did anyone contact her for details?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: [Redacted] s.40(1)
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 2:36 PM
To: Hawkins, Allan; Ball, Dwight
Cc: Parsons, Kevin; Ian Sinclair
Subject: FW: Student Transportation

Hi Mr. Hawkins/ Mr. Ball, s.40(1) s.40(1) s.40(1)
I would appreciate a response from your office on this request to have a bus stop put at the beginning of [Redacted] in Torbay? I am not sure if you are familiar with Torbay. [Redacted] is quiet a distance to walk in the winter when a bus drives past my house twice. [Redacted] to see how the people of the province feel about the situation and how children are being treated within our provinces school system. [Redacted] s.40(1)

[Redacted] It’s ridiculous. It’s not good enough. The school principal is more than happy to have this stop installed but your employee, Mr.
Ian Sinclair denied my child that right. Who is responsible for my son’s life if he gets hit with a car walking home in a winter storm?

From: [Redacted] s.40(1)
Sent: September 25-18 2:10 PM
To: 'Ian Sinclair’ <iainsclair@nlesd.ca>
Cc: Leanne Hubert <LeanneHubert@nlesd.ca>; allanhawkins@gov.nl.ca; Anthony Stack <AnthonyStack@nlesd.ca>; kevinparsons@gov.nl.ca; Carla Bradley <carlabradley@nlesd.ca>; dwightball@gov.nl.ca; susanperry@nlesd.ca; David Ross <davidross@gov.nl.ca>; Terry Hall <terryhall@nlesd.ca>
Subject: RE: Student Transportation
Importance: High

Ian,
Thank you for at least answering my inquiry. Just to let you know it’s easier for my son to walk from the school to our house than to walk from [Redacted] and then turns around and comes out the road and passes our house again to go on up Torbay Road. So does that make sense to you? Would you have your child walk in the snow and rain when a bus drives right pass our house? Sorry, but that’s not good enough for me. If something happens to my son on Torbay Road in a winter storm trying to make his way up [Redacted] to get home, when there are no sides on the road cleared for him to walk, who is liable? [Redacted] because this is absolutely disgusting what you have to go through to get a bus stop set up for your child. s.40(1)
From: Ian Sinclair [mailto:iainsinclair@nlesd.ca]
Sent: September-25-18 1:57 PM
To: [REDACTED] s.40(1)
Cc: Leanne Hubert <LeanneHubert@nlesd.ca>; allanhawkings@gov.nl.ca; Anthony Stack <AnthonyStack@nlesd.ca>; kevinparsons@gov.nl.ca; Carla Bradley <carlabradley@nlesd.ca>; dwightball@gov.nl.ca; susanperry@nlesd.ca; David Ross <davidross@gov.nl.ca>; Terry Hall <terryhall@nlesd.ca>
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Sent: September-18-18 2:17 PM  
To: 'carlabradley@nlesd.ca' <carlabradley@nlesd.ca>  
Cc: 'allanhawkins@gov.nl.ca' <allanhawkins@gov.nl.ca>  
Subject: Student Transportation  
Importance: High

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Hi Tony;

Norma’s issue doesn’t seem to be around the one courtesy stop within the 1.6 km but more with arrangements in getting students to childcare in the afternoons. We should discuss further the next time we meet.

Thanks.

Bob

Bob Gardiner
Deputy Minister
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
P. O. Box 8700
St. John’s, NL A1B4J6

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A perspective from a Principal dealing with courtesy seating. FYI.

--------- Forwarded message ---------
From: Lucy Warren <lucyw@nlesd.ca>
Date: Tue, 25 Sep 2018 at 15:38
Subject: Fwd: Courtesy Seating: Growing Demands
To: Anthony Stack <anthonystack@nlesd.ca>

FYI,
Legitimate concern that will probably be raised on Thurs.
Lucy Warren  
Associate Director of Education-Programs/Operations  
NL English School District  
95 Elizabeth Avenue  
St. John’s, NL A1B 1R6  
Telephone: 709-758-2701

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Date: Tue, Sep 25, 2018 at 2:29 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Courtesy Seating: Growing Demands  
To: Terry Hall <terryhall@nlesd.ca>  
Cc: Lucy Warren <lucywarren@nlesd.ca>

Hey Terry,

FYI...the below will likely be brought up at Western's Leadership Meetings...Helen Coleman at CC Loughlin has expressed frustration regarding this as well.

I have to say that I agree with a lot of Norma's sentiments...and it will only increase as the 1 stop inside 1.6kms get rolled out.

Ian Sinclair, CPA, CMA  
Director of Student Transportation and School Financial Support  
Newfoundland and Labrador English School District  
95 Elizabeth Avenue  
St. John's, NL A1B 1R6  
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From: Norma Park <normapark@nlesd.ca>  
Date: Tue, Sep 25, 2018 at 11:29 AM  
Subject: Courtesy Seating: Growing Demands  
To: Ian Sinclair <iansinclair@nlesd.ca>  
Cc: Mandy Penney (Manager Student Transportation) <mandypenney1@nlesd.ca>, Lucy Warren <lucywarren@nlesd.ca>

Good day Ian,
I am writing to bring your attention to a matter of concern to me and my school community and, I suspect, to many other school communities in the province: courtesy seating.

The whole idea of courtesy busing seems to have morphed into an almost out-of-control entity. What started as a simple courtesy, as its name suggests, seems to have grown into unrealistic expectations for the NLES and for school principals who have to implement the Courtesy Seating Protocol.

For example, from my school, there are 51 children registered to attend Pasadena Place Afterschool care program each afternoon. There are 13 registered to attend the After the Bell after school care program. There is one other licensed childcare facility in the community that I would suspect has about 10-15 children after school. Plus, there are numerous home daycares where pockets of 4 or 5 children go after school. In total, I will estimate that over 100 of our students go to addresses other than their civic address after school. I have 70 courtesy request forms on file and am attempting to secure the rest.

These are the parameters I have to work with in order to get these 100 children or so (almost 40% of my student population) to their daycare after school:

- I have four buses, or 265 seats to work with.
- I have to move 228 bus-eligible students from bus to bus, like a giant game of Tetris.
- I have numerous other courtesy requests from the remaining 47 non-eligible students.

While this 'project' (and it has become a project) was manageable, I was always able to approve the few courtesy seats before school opened and during the first week of school. This year this was not possible given the exorbitant amount of movement expected. My attempt to help and assist a few parents has morphed into unreasonable expectations, anger, false accusations and an incredible amount of extra work at the beginning of the school year where there are numerous other tasks for principals to take care of.

It is my own doing that parents have come to expect that their courtesy seats are arranged before school opens or during the first week. I know that the policy advises principals to wait until after the end of September and I will indeed be doing so next year.

But I think this is a bigger issue. Because no matter when I tackle it, it will still be a beast of a project. I will be just delaying the wait, the unrealistic expectations, the impatience and the anger. So I can't help but ask some questions:

1. Is this a reasonable expectation of us as the NLES?
2. Just because a student has a seat on a bus in a community, should that mean that the school (the principal) should have to arrange their after school childcare transportation?

3. Should the taxpayers of the province be paying principals' salaries for two weeks to arrange transportation to daycares for parents? (I am truly not exaggerating this estimation of time invested into this task: talking to the children, to the parents, to the drivers, to the local transportation division, the daycare providers, then actually making the movements, documenting them, reporting them to teachers, arranging dismissal plans for children as young as 4 years old, then revising every day with every change for the first couple of weeks of school, repeat, repeat,..)

4. Should the taxpayers of the province be arranging and paying for the transportation to daycare operators who are making the profit/salary while the NLESQ or the taxpayer receives nothing in return?

5. Should a daycare provider like Pasadena Place with 51 enrollments who is obviously making a considerable profit not have to arrange their own busing? From my past experience in Corner Brook, Stepping Stones Daycare, for example, provides its own transportation. The three licensed daycares in Pasadena are a bus load of children just on its own. Can we not require them to send their own licensed bus with a licensed driver to pick up all their registrants like they do in Corner Brook?

Come September 2019, I will follow the protocol and therefore will not be approving any courtesy seats until after September 30. So, operators like Pasadena Place cannot expect to receive children before then. I will need your support in this. I am confident that I will get requests from Pasadena Place and from parents asking us to just let the students off who are already on their own bus but who just want to get off at a different stop. That will only create more impatience and anger and perceived differentiation in treatment. So, I will be needing your support to advise Pasadena Place that no child will attend their program until after September 30 unless they provide their own transportation. Please remember that the stops put in at Pasadena Place were put in as a courtesy; they are not anyone's civic address.

The length of my email hopefully conveys my very strong concern with this whole notion of courtesy busing and the unrealistic expectations we are facing to get kids to their daycares. I come back to this question every time: just because a student has a seat on a bus in a community, should that mean that the school/the NLESQ should have to arrange and pay for their after school childcare transportation?

I strongly feel that one big part of the solution should surely be requiring an operation that is expecting us to deliver their 51 registrants free of charge, or even 15 registrants, to provide their own bus/transportation. One or two students to a person's home daycare was manageable; any daycare that will require more than 3 courtesy seats is an unreasonable expectation of the NLESQ transportation system. I think that's our solution.
I have copied both Mandy Penney here in the Corner Brook Transportation office and Lucy Warren in Operations for their consideration as well on this very costly and taxing challenge principals are facing with respect to courtesy seats.

I welcome a call at any time to further discuss this very time-consuming and challenging issue that I know many of us are facing and to explore further options for resolution.

Regards,
Norma

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"Every kid is just one caring adult away from being a success story." ~Josh Shipp

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Tony Stack
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Thanks, Ian.

David Ross
Manager of Finance & School Transportation
Financial Services Division
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
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From: Ian Sinclair [mailto:iansinclair@nlsec.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 4:01 PM
To: Ross, David
Subject: Re: FW: Admiral's Academy

Hi David,

See below in red...

Ian Sinclair, CPA, CMA
Director of Student Transportation and School Financial Support
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Fax: 758-1258

On Tue, Sep 25, 2018 at 1:23 PM Ross, David <DavidRoss@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Hey Ian,

See email below. There are two questions here:

1. With regards to courtesy seating – if an eligible student on bus X gets approved for a courtesy seat on bus Y to a day care, what happens to the seat on bus X? Does it remain empty? No, it can be filled with a courtesy rider...however if the student's courtesy seat on bus Y gets taken back for an eligible student then they get their eligible seat on bus X back.
2. Can you advise on the scenario given below on the bus route: Civic address of constituent is [Redacted] and there is a bus stop on Porters Rd, which is closer to the school. When I look at Google it appears as though there would be houses on Porters Rd that would be outside 1.6KM from the school; can you confirm? I just did a quick check on google maps and the top of the bulb. According to the school's website, [https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/doc/1537545901557.pdf](https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/doc/1537545901557.pdf), there isn't a stop on Porter's Road closer to the school (Route 17-134-11). There is however a stop at the intersection of the Main Road and Piccos Road that services the very southern tip of Piccos Road that is eligible for transportation.

Thanks,

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From: Connors, Kara
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 12:09 PM
To: Ross, David
Subject: Admiral's Academy

Hi Dave,

As per our conversation, [Redacted] Has question of howCourtesy seats are distributed in regards to childcare centers? Also questioning bus routes in her area; her civic address is [Redacted] from school she is saying bus making stops on Porters Road which is closer to the school?

Thanks,

Kara
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Great, thanks for the update Mandy!

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On Wed, Sep 26, 2018 at 9:31 AM Mandy Penney (Manager Student Transportation) <mandypenney1@nlesd.ca> wrote:

I have spoken with the parent and principal multiple times on this request and reason for the delay in processing the courtesy seats is with the contractor. They are reviewing the routes because of a new student that will require transportation from Sally's Cove. I spoke with the contractor on Monday and he advised me that it would be taken care of ASAP.

s 40(1). spoke with the principal yesterday and they will be able to process all courtesy request by the end of the week.

Mandy.

On Wed, Sep 26, 2018 at 8:49 AM Ian Sinclair <iansinclair@nlesd.ca> wrote:

It is at the school's discretion to implement courtesy seating as time permits. With small schools with limited busing this would seemingly be easier and thus could be handled quicker than a school that has lets say 8 buses and 100 courtesy seat applications. The only parameter from a District standpoint is that it needs to occur by the beginning of October.

I am going to forward you an email from a Principal regarding the level of work involved with courtesy seating which is only going to increase with 1 stop inside 1.6km.

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Hi Ian,

I just spoke with an individual in Rocky Harbour, and she says the bus stop is 300 feet away. She says there is enough room on the buses for all kids to avail of courtesy seating and she does not know why it would still take the school so long to approve the courtesy seat applications. Do school’s consider these points, or do they strictly wait until October to approve courtesy seating? Do you have an inquiry from this individual in your system?

Thanks,

David Ross
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Please see below Minister Hawkins’ response to your e-mail addressed to the Premier and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning.

Dear [Redacted]

This is in response to your recent e-mail addressed to the Premier and me regarding the location of the courtesy bus stop at [Redacted].

Under the Schools Act, 1997, the province’s school boards are responsible for the organization and administration of primary, elementary, and secondary education within their respective districts. This includes, where school boards consider it necessary, the arrangement for a system of transportation of students to and from schools. By way of this response, I have copied Mr. Tony Stack, Director of Education/CEO with the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD). You are encouraged to continue to work with NLESD regarding your concerns.

Sincerely,

HON. AL HAWKINS, MHA
District of Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans
Minister

EXC/18/9/976

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Hi Mr. Hawkins/ Mr. Ball,

I would appreciate a response from your office on this request to have a bus stop put at the beginning of [REDACTED] in Torbay? I am not sure if you are familiar with Torbay. It is quiet a distance to walk in the winter when a bus drives past my house twice. I would like to see how the people of the province feel about the situation and how children are being treated within our provinces school system.

It’s ridiculous. It’s not good enough. The school principal is more than happy to have this stop installed but your employee, Mr. Ian Sinclair denied my child that right. Who is responsible for my son’s life if he gets hit with a car walking home in a winter storm?
Ian,

Thank you for at least answering my inquiry. Just to let you know it's easier for my son to walk from the school to our house than to walk from [redacted] One question, his bus passes our house to go into [redacted] and then turns around and comes out the road and passes our house again to go on up Torbay Road. So does that make sense to you? Would you have your child walk in the snow and rain when a bus drives right pass our house? Sorry, but that's not good enough for me. If something happens to my son on Torbay Road in a winter snow storm trying to make his way up [redacted] to get home, when there are no sides on the road cleared for him to walk, who is liable? [redacted] because this is absolutely disgusting what you have to go through to get a bus stop set up for your child.
I am sorry to hear of your frustration.

Carla Bradley is the District’s Student Transportation GIS Specialist and is not a direct point of contact for email or phone inquiries from the public so I am curious as to how you initially began calling and emailing her regarding your inquiry. It would be appreciated if you could provide this information so we can correct that miscommunication.

The District encourages the public to use the method of placing an inquiry or request into our online Student Transportation Public Inquiries Form in order to streamline the process of responding to the public, particularly this time of year given the extremely high volume of inquiries.

I see that you placed inquiries in the Student Transportation Public Inquiries system on the following occasions, beginning 1 week ago:
- Monday, September 18th at 2:03pm
- Monday, September 18th at 2:21pm
- Friday, September 21st at 3:56pm
- Tuesday, September 25th at 9:25am

As communicated to anyone who submits an inquiry through our Public Inquiries Form, the District’s goal is to respond to each inquiry within 72hrs however this may vary depending on the volume. September is of course our busiest month with many hundreds of inquiries that require thorough analysis and review before responding and it thus takes longer than the 3 business days to respond unfortunately.

Thank you for your patience in this regard; we have since edited this submission communication to include an approximate timeline of 5 business days in the months of September and October. There are still some public inquiries that have been submitted before yours that are scheduled to be reviewed and responded you prior to yours.

However, I have taken a look at your inquiry.

I see that your residence is [redacted] from the school your child attends, Holy Trinity High. As communicated to you by the Student Transportation Division on May 23, 2018 in response to a previous Public Inquiry of yours, this means that your child is not eligible for student transportation.

As you know, the District does however offer a supplemental transportation service to an existing bus stop, where capacity exists, for students who are not eligible to avail of transportation. This process is administered by the school in accordance with the District’s Courtesy Seating Protocol (link below):

https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/busing/doc/courtesy_seating_protocol.pdf

Based on your previous inquiries, I am glad to see that you have been approved for a courtesy seat!

The Courtesy Seating Protocol references that an existing bus stop should be used as the pickup/drop off location for a student who has been approved for a Courtesy Seat. Furthermore, it references that there should be no bus stop located inside the 1.6km zone.
You reference a location in the area of [REDACTED] as a desired bus stop location to be added, however, this area is located inside the 1.6km zone of the school.

I'd like to point out that there is an existing bus stop located at [REDACTED] which is approximately 250-300m from [REDACTED].

On this basis, your bus stop request is therefore not approved at this time.

Please note that, as per the District's Student Transportation Handbook under the Responsibilities of Parents/Guardians section, it states:

*It is the responsibility of Parents/Guardians to:*

1. ensure the safety and supervision of their children prior to pickup by the bus and immediately after leaving the bus on their return trip home.

6. ensure the safety of students to and from the school vehicle departure/disembarkation points and home, and to ensure that adequate access/supervision is available to the student at home or at such other destination as has been specified by the parent/guardian.

The following is a link to this Handbook:

Please feel free to give me a call directly if you wish to discuss this further (my direct phone number is in my signature).

Kind Regards,

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On Tue, Sep 25, 2018 at 8:55 AM [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi lan,
I would like to formally complain regarding the lack of communication with your staff within the bussing department. It should be mandatory that this staff answer phone inquiries and return emails and messages when left for them. I am three weeks now trying to get an answer from Carla Bradley regarding adding a bus stop to my son’s route for him at [REDACTED], Torbay, and I have yet to hear from her. The principal of the school was in contact with her office yesterday, Mrs. Susan Perry, [REDACTED] on my sons behalf. I sent my form in last June, again this September and I also went online and completed a form requesting the same information. What does it take for
someone to call me back or send a response? This is three weeks into the school year now and I think it shouldn’t be that hard for someone to give me an answer. I would hope to hear from your office today.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: September-21-18 3:30 PM
To: 'carlabradley@nlesd.ca' <carlabradley@nlesd.ca>
Cc: 'allanhawkins@gov.nl.ca' <allanhawkins@gov.nl.ca>; 'AnthonyStack@nlesd.ca' <AnthonyStack@nlesd.ca>; 'kevinparsons@gov.nl.ca' <kevinparsons@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Student Transportation

Hi Carla, 

I have left several messages and have sent several emails regarding my son’s bus stop on [Redacted] in Torbay. Could you please let me know if it is possible to have a bus stop arranged at [Redacted]? If you’re not the correct person, please let me know who I should be in contact with.

Regards,
Hi Carla,
I just wanted to follow up with you to see if you received this email and my form. I was hoping to get something put in place for my son as soon as possible due to the cold and wet weather. Sorry, I totally understand that you're busy this time of year. Thanks again.

Hi Carla,
I sent in a courtesy bus rider form last June to your office for my son [redacted]. He goes to Holy Trinity High, in Torbay. I requested a courtesy seat with the school in September and he was granted permission to ride the bus but the bus stop he has to get off at, is miles away from our house. I sent in a new form to Mrs. Susan Perry and requested a new bus stop be added at number [redacted], Torbay, for him. Mrs. Perry was trying to get ahold of your office or the transportation company to figure out how to have this put in place but she still hasn’t heard back from anyone. Could you please help with this request? The weather is not supposed to be very nice this week and I really don’t want my son having to walk a long distance in the rain to get home each day. The catchment number is [redacted]
Kind regards,

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You are encouraged to work with NLES regarding your concerns.

Sincerely,

[HON. AL HAWKINS, MHA]
District of Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans
Minister

cc: Premier
    Mr. Tony Stack
Please see below Minister Al Hawkins’ response to your e-mail dated September 7, 2018.

Dear [REDACTED]  

This is in response to your e-mail of September 7, 2018 regarding school transportation and student assistant time at Sacred Heart Academy.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s (EECD) school bus transportation policy outlines the conditions under which funding is provided to school boards for school bus transportation services to students attending primary, elementary and secondary schools. Under the policy, funding is not provided to school boards to cover the transportation of students who live within 1.6 km of their zoned neighbourhood school, which is comparable to the other provinces in Canada. Courtesy seating may be available where space permits. Courtesy seating is administered through the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD). Please refer to the following links to view copies of the relevant guidelines and policies:

School Transportation Policy:
http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/busing/transportation_policies.pdf

Guidelines for Courtesy Seating on School Buses:

With respect to your concerns regarding student assistant time, EECD provides funding to the school districts for student assistants in the Newfoundland and Labrador public education system. Districts are then responsible to deploy these resources to individual schools. Principals, in turn, schedule student assistants to meet the programming needs of approved students in that school.

Under the Schools Act, 1997, the province’s school boards are responsible for the organization and administration of primary, elementary, and secondary education within their respective districts.

You are encouraged to work with your school administration and NLESD regarding your concerns. I have copied Mr. Tony Stack, Director of Education/CEO with NLESD for consideration.

Sincerely,

HON. AL HAWKINS, MHA  
District of Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans  
Minister

EXC/18/9/928
Good Afternoon,

He can't because our home falls within the 1.6 km to school and is near a school at SHA.

But he can't.

So here are my choices:

In the morning I can:

In the afternoon I can:

None of these options are acceptable.
School pick up is currently an accident waiting to happen. People are everywhere, parents can't find their kids, kids weaving in and out between cars.
So here are some acceptable solutions to the above noted issues:

1. Reinstall the regular bus stop near our home so both of our children can go to and from school by bus.

2. Also pay the student assistants starting at 8 am.

3. 

4. Abolish the 1.6 km rule because it’s ridiculous. This isn’t 1960. The amount of vehicles on the road has probably tripled since then. We don’t have sidewalks. The sides of the roads aren’t cleared in winter or wide enough to keep kids far enough away from vehicles while walking. Half of Marystown is a blind hill. There are no city busses or public transportation. In most households either both parents work or one parent is out of province working to keep a roof over our heads, so we depend on the school bus to get our kids to and from school safely. Some children will miss more school then in previous years because mom or a sibling is sick and can’t walk them to school. And the amount of traffic at the school for drop off and pick up is both overwhelming and dangerous.

Now, onto the student assistant cuts.

Non-responsive, s.40(1)

Our school officials and the bus depot are doing what they can but its impossible to do what needs to be done with these budget cuts.

I’m sending this to many of you and I expect a reply in the coming days. If you’d rather give me excuses over the phone than by email my phone number is ____________ s.40(1)

Thanks for reading.

_s.40(1)

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.
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Sincerely,

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District of Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans
Minister

cc: Tony Stack
Please see below Minister Al Hawkins' response to your e-mail dated October 10, 2018.

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for the copy of your email dated October 10, 2018 regarding the location of your courtesy school bus stop.

Department officials have been working with the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLES), and have revised our policies to allow for a courtesy stop inside the 1.6 kilometre zone. However, there are over 1100 bus routes in the province and it will take time to appropriately review and make informed decisions on a priority basis.

You are encouraged to work with NLES regarding your concerns.

Sincerely,

HON. AL HAWKINS, MHA
District of Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans
Minister

EXC/18/10/1058

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District of Grand Falls-Windsor-Buchans
Minister

cc: Premier
    Mr. John Finn
    Mr. Tony Stack
Discovery - Education and Early Childhood Development

From: Evans, Brian
Sent: Friday, November 9, 2018 10:34 AM
To: Terry Hall
Subject: FW: amendment re: 1.6

From: Gardiner, Bob B
Sent: Thursday, November 8, 2018 9:01 AM
To: Churchill, Elizabeth <ElizabethChurchill@gov.nl.ca>; Evans, Brian <brianevans@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: FW: amendment

FYI

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From: Connors, Kara
Sent: Thursday, November 8, 2018 8:54 AM
To: Hawkins, Allan <AllanHawkins@gov.nl.ca>; Gardiner, Bob B <bobgardiner@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Howard, Jacquelyn <jacquelynhoward@gov.nl.ca>; Pickard, Christopher <ChristopherPickard@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Fwd: amendment

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:  

s.5(1)(d)
No problem. Thanks.

From: Terry Hall <terryhall@nlesd.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2018 9:48 AM
To: Evans, Brian <brianevans@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Gardiner, Bob B <bobgardiner@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Re: Urgent Notice

Will call you in a min. Actually with transportation team discussing.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 15, 2018, at 9:34 AM, Evans, Brian <brianevans@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Hi Terry,

Can we please discuss when available.

Thanks, Brian

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The Hon. Al Hawkins:

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Date: Thu, Nov 15, 2018 at 3:22 PM
Subject: Fwd: Urgent Notice
To: Mandy Penney <mandypenney1@nlesd.ca>, Terry Hall <terryhall@nlesd.ca>, Leanne Hubert 
<leenehubert@nlesd.ca>, Heather May <heathermay@nlesd.ca>, Cheryl Guillage <cherylgullage@nlesd.ca>,
Donna Miller Fry <donna miller fry@nlesd.ca>
Cc: David Ross <davidross@gov.nl.ca>

FYI: please see my below email.

Ian Sinclair, CPA, CMA
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Fax: 758-1258

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From: Ian Sinclair <iansinclair@nlesd.ca>
Date: Thu, Nov 15, 2018 at 3:19 PM
Subject: Re: Urgent Notice
To: [redacted]

Good Afternoon [redacted]

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(this has been applied to some schools across the District on a trial basis this year). This new trial procedure allows for the provision of 1 stop inside the 1.6km Family Responsibility Zone per bus route for a given school, where capacity exists on current buses, to service students who are not eligible for student transportation as per Department of Education and Early Childhood Development policy.

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Thank you for your patience on this matter.

Please feel free to contact me or the Manager of Student Transportation for the Western Region, Mandy Penney - 637-4040, if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

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On Thu, Nov 15, 2018 at 8:59 AM [Email Address] wrote:
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
3rd Floor, West Block
Confederation Building
100 Prince Philip Drive
St. John's, NL
Telephone: 1-709-729-5097
Fax: 1-709-729-1400

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Sent: October 3, 2018 10:50 PM
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Thank You,
Hi Claudette, this is the only correspondence I have responsive to 003. Jacquelyn

From: Heather May [mailto:heathermay@nlesd.ca]
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2018 9:29 AM
To: Howard, Jacquelyn
Cc: Cheryl Gullage
Subject: Re: Port au Port

Yes - student transportation rep went there this morning to do an assessment for the courtesy stop. The stop is expected to be established by Wednesday. FYI - our director of student transportation had a lengthy conversation with this lady last week. Her position remains that they want door-to-door service and the elimination of the 1.6 km policy.

Heather May
Director of Strategic Planning, Policy and Communications
Newfoundland and Labrador English School District
Phone: 709-758-2371
Email: heathermay@nlesd.ca

On Mon, Nov 19, 2018 at 9:04 AM Howard, Jacquelyn <jacquelynhoward@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

I understand the plan was to have someone from the Student Transportation Division visit the school today. Can you confirm that it is today? Thanks, Jacq.

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EXC/18/11/1164
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Hey David,

FYI: the below email string summarizes the situation of the parent in Roddickton requesting a courtesy seat.

Coles Notes: there is no space on the bus to accommodate an additional courtesy seat (all taken up by eligible students) so adding a stop inside 1.6kms does not solve the problem.

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Mandy Penney (Manager Student Transportation) <mandypenney1@nlesd.ca>
Date: Thu, Nov 22, 2018 at 10:54 AM
Subject: Re: Response from the Hon. Al Hawkins
To: Ian Sinclair <iansinclair@nlesd.ca>, Terry Hall <terryhall@nlesd.ca>

You are correct. Here are a couple of screen shots with measurements just in case.

First image is distance from an existing stop to the requested stop.

Second image is the requested stop by

Third image is of route #2 - no request have been made.

Fourth image is of route #1 - this is the route that would pick up if there was room on the bus.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

On Thu, Nov 22, 2018 at 10:23 AM Ian Sinclair <iansinclair@nlesd.ca> wrote:
Thanks Mandy,
So to summarize, is the following correct:

2 Routes

1) The Conche route has no space and this is the route that the parent who is writing EECD is looking for a courtesy stop on i.e. can’t help her because no space for her non-eligible kids

2) We can place a stop inside 1.6kms for the other route but no one has asked for this.

Again Mandy, please confirm.

Thanks

On Thu, Nov 22, 2018 at 9:55 AM Mandy Penney (Manager Student Transportation) <mandypenney1@nlesd.ca> wrote:

There are two buses for Cloud River. The 20 passenger picks up 9 students in Conche and then picks up 11 eligible students at a stop that is close to where [redacted] is requesting. So therefore this bus is already full. The other bus picks up students in Englee, Bide Arm and then picks up the other eligible students on the other side of the community. Approximately 55 students. I finally received this information form the school this morning. The secretary also told me that this number changes frequently due to foster children moving in and out. We may be able to add a stop but I would have to look at it a little more closely to determine the best location. I have no other request for stops and do not have any addresses of the other students who may avail of the additional stop.

On Thu, Nov 22, 2018 at 9:24 AM Terry Hall <terryhall@nlesd.ca> wrote:

Mandy.... Anything done on this one?

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Date: Thu, Nov 22, 2018 at 9:11 AM
Subject: Response from the Hon. Al Hawkins
To: [redacted] <redacted>
Cc: Mitchelmore, Christopher <CMitchelmore@gov.nl.ca>, (anthonystack@nlesd.ca) <anthonystack@nlesd.ca>, terryhall@nlesd.ca <terryhall@nlesd.ca>

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cc: Hon. Carol Anne Haley
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Hillier, Claudette

From: Hawkins, Allan  
Sent: Saturday, November 17, 2018 1:16 PM  
To: Haley, Carol Anne  
Cc: Pitcher, Margot; Howard, Jacquelyn; Cormey, Janet  
Subject: Re: 1.6km busing protocol

Thanks Minister. We continue to have the best policy of any province in Canada with the exception of PEI. We'll prepare a response that you can send this individual next week.

AI

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

Begin forwarded message:

[Forwarded content]

s.5(1)(d)

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Hi David,

Please see the below email string.

Perhaps it makes sense for Christine to join us at our EECI/NLESI education meeting in a couple of weeks, specifically for the discussion around the 1.6km stop? We may want to chat on what we had discussed previously as well regarding if we could try and move AT students onto Regular Tran with extra SA time -> Win Win scenario of improved integration/inclusion and cost savings.

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From: Leanne Hubert <leannehubert@nlesd.ca>
Date: Fri, Nov 30, 2018 at 9:28 AM
Subject: Fwd: Courtesy Busing
To: Ian Sinclair <iansinclair@nlesd.ca>

Hey,

All the managers received this email from Christine at the Dept so maybe we can discuss how we should respond on our call this morning.

Leanne Hubert
Manager of Contracted Student Transportation
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Hi everyone,

I am getting alternate transportation applications for students that reside within 1.6 km from the school. I am aware there has been enforcement of the policy and guidelines around courtesy busing, so could you please summarize the message that is communicated by the district. For example, one thing I was told was that the bus can make a stop ½ way at 800m from the school. Some parents are looking for AT as a replacement and this requires a big picture perspective before I process those applications. Also, can you quickly update me with the challenges to this that are occurring within the regions as this will help with consistency and avoid complications in those areas.

Thanks

Christine

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Yes David...the Stud Tran division has communicated with her several times and she has recently written Terry as well.

Leanne: could you provide a rundown for David?

Thanks

On Tue, Dec 4, 2018 at 9:02 AM Ross, David <DavidRoss@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Hey Ian,

I received the below email. Can you advise whether the district received any inquiries from this individual and what notes are available?

David Ross
Manager of Finance & School Transportation
Financial Services Division
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
(T) (709) 729-4098

Hello Mr Ross,

[Redacted] at Holy Family on St. Thomas line Paradise. However, 

[Redacted]
walking to and from school taking [redacted] is very dangerous. There are zero sidewalks, crosswalks or cross lights to take from our home to the school. There is minimal side road space and now with winter weather it’s even more dangerous to walk. The policy states 1.6klm from the end of my driveway to the entrance of school property. I have challenged the school board on the distance. I have video footage following policy and I got [redacted] Klm. School board came back to me at [redacted] Klm. I am fearful for her safety yet have no choice. Also her bus is never full with vacant seats due to other parents not giving up seating who don’t avail it.

I am challenging at your level the distance and would like for someone to walk home the route my daughter takes in weather like today to get a feel what it is like.

You won’t allow a child to leave school doors to walk to a parents car away from the parking lot yet you don’t take that distance into consideration when measuring distance. This makes no sense.

Our government states in the children and youth care and protection act that its “legislation guides the delivery of child protection “ its a “core value of government”. So if government’s priority is protecting our children does this bus policy not go against our constitution of rights?? If the distance a child is suppose to walk not safe or the school don’t count its property for KIms yet you drop your child off to the door and school has not started they are on property of the school but get hurt it’s not the schools fault however for pick up at the end of the day the child can’t leave the door to go across the property to a parent. Does this make sense? What is the schools responsibility? What is considered safe ,a safe distance or a safe time?? The policy for busing is very vague and not put in place with our children’s safety in mind but for the liberal government to save money.

Could you better explain all this to me and why do I get [redacted] klm, my MHA gets [redacted] klm and google map says [redacted] Klm yet the school board says [redacted] Klm??

My address is [redacted] School is Holy Family ELm.
Principle Ms. Ryan.

Sent from my iPhone

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