



Changes to Transportation, Fees and School Start and End Times

Information Sessions

North Calgary:

May 24, 2017 at Queen Elizabeth High School

South Calgary:

May 25, 2017 at Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School

Purpose and Format of Session

- Purpose of Session
 - Sharing information
- Format of Session
 - Opening presentation
 - Topic specific break-out sessions

Agenda

- Facilitator introduction and role
- Purpose and format of session
- How we will work together
- Welcome and introductions
- Opening presentation
- Topic specific break-out sessions

How We Will Work Together

- Respect above all else
- All participants and staff should feel safe
- Speak one at a time
- We balance air time fairly
- Without these, there is no dialogue and the session will close

Welcome and Introductions

- Welcome
- Introductions

Bill 1: An Act to Reduce School Fees

- Government is providing additional funding to help reduce fees.
- Fees cannot be increased above current fee amounts
- Similar service levels must be maintained
- Based on Bill 1 funding, some students are eligible for transportation at no cost and others will pay a fee
- Differences based on designated community school or program of choice
- Differences based on distance from community school
- **Government considering more changes to fees in 2018-19.**

Our reality

- We have maintained, reduced or eliminated transportation fees for the majority of families
- We continue to advance our long term transportation strategy (plans outlined in June 22, 2016 parent letter)
 - Ensuring students come first
 - Balancing service levels and fees
 - Closing the financial gap
- We are committed to transportation we can all afford and keeping money in the classroom
- We are supportive of Bill 1 and making life more affordable for families

Service Level and Fees

Students	Service Level	Fee
Regular Program (K – GR12 Yellow School Bus)	Work within current guidelines: 1.6, 1.8 & 2.4km <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Most students will be less than 1000 m	> 2.4 km = \$0 < 2.4 km = \$335 Out of boundary = \$335

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Service Level and Fees

Students	Service Level	Fee
Alternative Program (K-GR12)	Yellow school bus riders move to congregated stop model <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Most students in larger alternative programs will have a stop less than 1000 m	Yellow school bus = \$335
	5 middle/junior high schools will move to Calgary Transit	Calgary Transit = \$700

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Service Level and Fees

Students	Service Level	Fee
Calgary Transit (GR 6-12)	Access existing Calgary Transit stop Additional students will be transitioned from yellow school bus service to Calgary Transit	Eligible = \$151 (after CBE rebate) Non-eligible = \$700

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Becoming financially sustainable

Factor	Savings
Bell time changes	\$3.5M
Congregated Stops/Low Ridership	\$2.0M
Move more students to Calgary Transit	\$1.7M
Routing efficiencies (partnering)	\$0.9M
Accommodation changes (impacted schools and phase in/out)	\$2.2M
Fewer riders to waive (yellow)	\$0.5M
Total	\$10.8M

*** Factors are interrelated. Changes to one factor will affect savings related to other factors.**

Becoming financially sustainable

- Together these changes of more than \$10M allow us to deliver a reasonable transportation service we can all afford

Changes to Bell Times

- We know bell time changes will impact families
- Changes will allow buses to run 2-3 routes
- In 2017-18
 - Bell time changes up to 30 minutes
 - Some schools to now have an early dismissal day
- In 2018-19, bell time changes of more than 30 minutes

Important Dates to Remember

- **May 30** – principals will communicate detailed school schedules to families.
- **June 5** – transportation pre-registration deadline (required to complete to have transportation for September 2017).
- **August 10** – modified calendar school routes posted.
- **August 30** – traditional calendar school routes posted.

Break-out Sessions – Topics

Three topic specific sessions:

1. Fees / Calgary Transit rebates / Waivers
 - Location: Learning Commons
2. School start and end times / Early dismissal days
 - Location: Cafeteria
3. Transportation services
 - Location: Cafeteria

Break-out Sessions - Instructions

1. Choose the topic you want more information on / have the most questions about. Move to that group.
2. Introductions and context setting
3. Question gathering
4. Sharing information
5. Have your question(s) been addressed? Feel free to move to a different group, or head home.

Contact Us

Additional questions can be sent to:

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