

February 11, 2023

Public Advisory: District Suspends Student Transportation Operator Due to Safety Concerns

As the result of safety concerns for students, the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District has suspended student transportation services provided by Gladney's Bus Service Ltd. The District has not taken this action lightly, as it is aware it has a significant impact on families. However, following a review of information available, the District could no longer permit the continuation of busing services without confidence it is being provided in a safe manner for students.

There are 20 schools impacted in this process, which includes some alternate transportation services. The District has a contingency plan in place to provide student transportation to those schools impacted. While staff are aiming to have bus services in place by **Monday, February 20**, we are working to implement services as quickly as possible and, as resources become available, service may be implemented earlier for some schools. For the interim period, families are being asked to make arrangements for transportation to and from school.

The District sincerely apologizes for the inconvenience this will cause many families, students and schools. However, the organization has been left with no alternative but to take these steps in order to maintain student safety. Impacted families are being contacted by the school administration.

A list of the schools impacted can be found in the backgrounder below.

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BACKGROUNDER

School	Impacted Bus Route Number
Beachy Cove Elementary	All routes
Beaconsfield Junior High	All routes
Brookside Intermediate	All routes
Elizabeth Park Elementary	All routes
Hazelwood Elementary	All routes
Holy Cross Elementary	Route 21-185-1
Holy Spirit High	All routes
Mary Queen of the World Elementary	Route 22-044-1
Mount Pearl Intermediate	Route 22-044-3
Mount Pearl Senior High	Route 22-044-3
O'Donel High School	Route 22-044-4
Paradise Intermediate	All routes
St. Peter's Primary	Route 22-044-2 Route 22-044-4
St. Peter's Junior High	Route 22-044-1 Route 22-044-2
Topsail Elementary	All routes
Villa Nova Junior High	All routes

Alternate Transportation Contracts

Cape St. Francis Elementary
 Holy Trinity Elementary
 Holy Trinity High
 Juniper Ridge Intermediate

