

February 19, 2023

### **Public Advisory: Busing Service Restored for All Previously Suspended Runs**

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is confirming that all remaining runs suspended February 11 will be reinstated for the morning of Monday, February 20. These runs, which were halted last week when the District suspended the services of a contractor due to safety and operational concerns, will all be serviced by existing contractors. Students and families may see familiar drivers behind the wheel, as they continue to work under the direction of other contractors for the time being.

Although service will be provided by other existing contractors, some buses registered to Gladney's Busing Service Ltd. have been inspected this week and approved for use and will be in service under a different contractor. Existing contractors in good standing with the District have worked diligently with staff and Provincial Government inspectors to fill the gaps in service. The safety of our students is our primary concern, and all the required service compliance has been verified ahead of route restoration.

The District extends its sincere appreciation to the school staff and communities who have weathered these service challenges. In addition, the District is grateful for Service NL inspectors and support staff, bus drivers, and private operators and staff for their accessibility and hard work. Finally, many thanks to all District staff across multiple divisions for their committed efforts to ensure the resumption of a safe and reliable service for our students.

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