



**Student Transportation
of Peel Region**

INTEGRATED RIDERSHIP – SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

The school board’s bus transportation services are operated by Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR). This is a consortium, or partnership, between the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and the Peel District School Board. The Ministry of Education requires school board bus transportation consortiums to improve efficiency.

One initiative promoted by the Ministry of Education, that is designed to improve efficiency is known as integrated ridership. In integrated ridership, students from both Dufferin-Peel and Peel schools will ride on the same buses, where feasible. The majority of school boards across the province have successfully implemented integrated ridership. Integrated ridership is designed to create a more effective and efficient operation of service, is more environmentally friendly and reduces traffic in our communities. All eligible students continue to be transported on runs where integrated ridership is implemented.

The STOPR Governance Committee has approved implementation of integrated ridership for the following pairs of Dufferin-Peel Catholic and Peel District School Board locations:

DPCDSB SCHOOLS	PDSB SCHOOLS
Blessed Teresa of Calcutta	Burnhamthorpe
St. Hilary	Cooksville Creek
St. Matthew	Huntington Ridge
St. Louis	Elmcrest
St. Margaret of Scotland	King’s Masting
St. Edmund	Westacres
St. Mary	McHugh
St. Brigid	Morton Way
Our Lady of Providence	Fernforest
Sacred Heart	Terry Fox
Pauline Vanier	Hickory Wood
St. Gertrude	Champlain Trail
St. Cornelius	Caledon East
Pope John Paul II	James Bolton

Parents/students at the above noted schools will receive further communication from STOPR regarding the implementation of this program at their schools. Meetings with principals at both Dufferin-Peel Catholic and the Peel District School Board are being convened to ensure a smooth transition to this new program. Courtesy riders may continue to be accommodated on some integrated bus routes, although the number of courtesy seats will be less due to the efficiencies generated on the integrated routes.

Integrated ridership will also be initiated on some special education transportation runs. STOPR will also be providing additional information to parents of students utilizing special education transportation.

STOPR will keep you informed through regular updates in school newsletters over the upcoming months.