

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF PEEL REGION

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LETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS TO POTENTIALLY BE INVOLVED IN INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Commencing September 2011, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board students and Peel District School Board students will, in some circumstances, be riding to their schools together on the same bus. This is referred to as integrated transportation and has been approved for implementation by each of the two school boards. Simply stated, integrated transportation involves a bus picking up and delivering students to two schools instead of just one. Integrated ridership is a long established method of transporting students utilized by most school boards in Ontario..

Integrated transportation will be implemented on buses serving students in a wide variety of programs including special education programs. For many of the programs involved, specified schools have been identified for participation in integrated transportation and parents will be advised in the near future of their child's involvement. Specific to special education, integrated ridership will be implemented only on bus runs where it is operationally feasible which will mean only certain students at a particular school will be involved.

You are receiving this letter because your child potentially may be riding on an integrated bus, serving special education students, commencing in September. Unfortunately, the Special Education routing is not completed each year until late July, so we cannot confirm that an integrated ridership arrangement will be in place until that time. The purpose of this letter is to advise you of the potential for an integrated transportation arrangement for your child. This is not anticipated to have any impact on your child's bus ride each day other than to potentially reduce overall riding time on the bus.

Attached, for your information, is a Frequently Asked Questions document pertaining to integrated transportation. Specific bus run information including bus stop location and pick up/drop off times will be available on the businfo.stopr.ca website by August 29, 2011. This information will also be available at your child's school effective August 29, 2011.

We look forward to continued provision of safe and efficient transportation for your child in the 2011-2012 school year.

Sincerely,

Tom G. Howe, Manager
Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR)

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