



**Transportation Services Report and TCCAP Update
June 18, 2014**

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Transportation Services Update

☀ Route Operations:

- ☀ 2814 Students transported
- ☀ 467 Students ineligible
- ☀ 17,132 KMs day
- ☀ 57 School Bus Routes
- ☀ 37 Board operated
- ☀ 20 Contracted routes
- ☀ Operated by 11 contractors

☀ GYPSD Driver's:

- ☀ 37 Regular drivers
- ☀ 18 Spare drivers
- ☀ 48 Class 4 drivers

☀ Transportation Fleet:

- ☀ 37 Buses assigned to regular routes
- ☀ 10 Spare buses
- ☀ 6 Transportation vehicles
- ☀ 4 MFV
- ☀ 21 Facilities vehicles
- ☀ 4 Technology vehicles

☀ Current Projects:

- ☀ Driver Instructors
- ☀ Driver Recruitment
- ☀ Refresher Training
- ☀ Q Endorsement (Air Brakes)
- ☀ First Aid Instructor
- ☀ Cooperative Bussing Agreements
- ☀ Website updates



In October of 2011 the Transportation Community Consultation Action Plan (TCCAP) was approved by the Board of Trustees to outline the process in which Grande Yellowhead will engage their internal and external stakeholders regarding their current needs, or transportation concerns. The core belief of the Board of Trustees is that all concerns will be reviewed in the best interests of our students with regards to the impact on their education.

TCCAP

- ☀ Grande Cache
- ☀ Jasper
- ☀ Hinton
- ☀ Edson
- ☀ Fulham
- ☀ Niton
- ☀ Wildwood
- ☀ Evansburg

Ongoing (quarterly) TCCAP progress reports are provided to the Board of Trustees in efforts to keep them informed of the annual route review results, stakeholder concerns, results of those concerns and how those decisions impacted school bus transportation for students.

Grande Cache

We are operating one school bus route in Grande Cache which provides service to students in Victor Lake and to students residing within the town of Grande Cache.

The first pick up on Route GC-01 is a grade 3 student who boards the bus at 7:25 am. The route is currently full with 80 passengers registered of which 34 are ineligible. Eight of those ineligible students are on a waiting list. This route also transports one wheelchair student.

The Grande Cache route continues to provide transportation service at noon each day for Sheldon Coates students who attend the hot lunch program at the Community Recreation Center. The service is provided under agreement with Northland School Division.

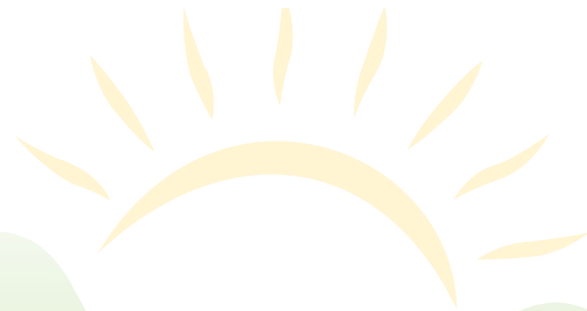
Transportation Services has been recruiting and training spare drivers in Grande Cache and will continue training over the summer months, to ensure spare drivers are available.

Student Ride Times 2013-2014

| Grande Cache | | Actual February, 2014 | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|---------|
| | | Percentage Distribution of Student Pick-up Times | | | | | | | | |
| Range of Pick-up Times | | <7:00 | 7:01-7:15 | 7:16-7:30 | 7:31-7:45 | 7:46-8:00 | 8:01-8:15 | 8:16-8:30 | 8:31+ | Total |
| # of Routes - 1 | Number of Students | 0 | 0 | 8 | 9 | 22 | 27 | 7 | 1 | 74 |
| | | 0.00% | 0.00% | 10.81% | 12.16% | 29.73% | 36.49% | 9.46% | 1.35% | 100.00% |

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| # of Routes - 1 | Number of Students | 0 | 0 | 12 | 8 | 25 | 34 | 1 | 0 | 80 |
| | | 0.00% | 0.00% | 15.00% | 10.00% | 31.25% | 42.50% | 1.25% | 0.00% | 100.00% |

Jun-14 Ineligible Students Transported 34
 Students on waiting list 8



Jasper

GYPSD Transportation does not offer school bus service to students in Jasper. Parents of eligible students in Jasper may enter into a Parent Provided Agreement with GYPSD to transport their children to and from school. Transportation Services currently has 14 Parent Provided Agreements where 22 students are transported by the parent.

To be eligible for parent provided transportation funding of eligible students, agreements must be renewed on an annual basis.

Hinton

Currently there are 11 school bus routes in Hinton with plans for additional route H-12 which will begin in September. H-12 will transport students with severe needs who were previously transported under an agreement with the Town of Hinton

A new 70 passenger school bus with 3 wheelchair positions has been ordered and is expected to arrive for the beginning of September.

Transportation Services is currently in communication with parents on H-12 and advertising for a regular driver and bus monitor for the route. Once a driver and monitor are chosen, an orientation with the parent, student, driver and monitor will be completed before school commences in September.

Currently there are 770 students on 11 bus routes being transported to Hinton schools, 207 of those students are ineligible for school bus transportation. The first pick up in Hinton is 7:11 am and the student is in grade 8. Ride times are reasonable for our Hinton routes and there are no major adjustments required for our Hinton bus routes.

Routes are operating at an efficient level; however, passenger loads are maximized, and we currently have 17 students on a waiting list for 3 different routes. Of the 17 Students waiting list, 12 are students waiting for a second trip to an alternate location in Hinton.

The Edson area has seen much change and growth since the start of the school year. We are now operating 28 routes in the Edson area.

Ride times in Edson are stable and we are able to work within the time frames to ensure students have reasonable ride times to and from school. It should be noted that the 9 of the 10 students with a pick up time prior to 7:00 am, are high school students being transported from Fulham and Niton, to Edson. One student in the Edson area with a pick up time of 7:05 am is in grade 1. This student resides approximately 30 km North of Edson on highway 748.

Although routes are operating efficiently and concerns are minimal, routes will require adjustments to include new students and those students who graduate, ensuring we maintain those reasonable ride times for students.

There are 5 school bus routes that transport high school students from the Fulham attendance area to Edson for high school. Concerns regarding early pick up times for students have been heard in the route review process as there are currently 9 students boarding the school bus prior to 7:00 am. Adjustments to these routes will be completed over the summer, resulting in a shorter ride time for some students.

Fulham

Currently there are 4 routes that provide service for Fulham elementary students. Transportation Services has been monitoring ride times for Fulham students as new students moving into the area can impact route direction and ride times. The first AM pick up time for Fulham Elementary students is 7:15 am. This student is in kindergarten.

All routes operating in the Fulham area will be reviewed for efficiency, ride time and route direction to ensure the routes operate efficiently and ride times remain reasonable for elementary students.

In September we will have one wheelchair student residing in the rural area that requires school bus transportation to Fulham. The student is currently transported under a parent provided agreement.

**Student Ride Times
2013-2014**

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| # of Routes - 4 | Number of Students | 0 | 0 | 10 | 16 | 42 | 19 | 9 | 0 | 96 |
| | | 0.00% | 0.00% | 10.42% | 16.67% | 43.75% | 19.79% | 9.38% | 0.00% | 100.00% |

| Fulham | | Actual June, 2014 | | | | | | | | |
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| # of Routes - 4 | Number of Students | 0 | 1 | 11 | 33 | 24 | 21 | 8 | 0 | 98 |
| | | 0.00% | 1.02% | 11.22% | 33.67% | 24.49% | 21.43% | 8.16% | 0.00% | 100.00% |

Jun-14 **Ineligible Students Transported** 1
 Students on waiting list 0

Niton

There are 6 routes that provide service for Niton Central and Edson High School. Five of the six routes in Niton provide a double service run, where after completing their high school run and transfer to the Edson route, they return to begin an elementary run for Niton.

Transportation Services has received concerns regarding lengthy ride times for high school students in Niton. Drivers have also expressed frustration with timing and coordination of student transfers from one route, to five other routes at four separate locations.

The Director of Transportation Services is currently reviewing the Niton routes to determine if overall ride times for high school students transported to Edson could be shortened and the number of transfers to one bus are decreased.

There are currently 5 Edson high school students in the Niton attendance area that have pick up times between 6:40 am and 7:00 am. The earliest first morning pick up for Niton elementary students is 7:28 am, this student is in grade 1.

Wildwood

Since the additional route was added in September 2014, ride times for students in the Wildwood area have remained reasonable and consistent throughout the year. All 4 school bus routes in Wildwood meet at Wildwood school and transfer 23 high school students to Route W-01, which then transports the students to Grand Trunk high school in Evansburg.

There are no students in the Wildwood attendance area that have pick up times before 7:00 am. The first AM pick up in Wildwood 7:12 am, this student is enrolled in grade 9.


Transportation Services will continue to monitor ride times for students in Wildwood to ensure ride times remain reasonable for students in Wildwood.

Evansburg

Bus routes in Evansburg are operating smoothly but the Director of Transportation is monitoring ride times for students in this area. Although ride times remain stable and have not varied during the year, we want to ensure that pick up and drop off times for students do not increase as we prepare for the 2014-15 school year.

First pick up time is 7:04 am and this student is enrolled in grade 10.

One ongoing concern with divisions province wide is vehicles passing school buses with the red alternating lights activated. This has been particularly true in Evansburg, but continued public awareness information being distributed in communities and through the schools does seem to be producing favorable results. Reports from driver's are that the incidents seem to be lessening.



Communication: the TCCAP is released to communities on an ongoing basis using newspaper, radio and other promotional items distributed through Transportation Services and schools. Regular updates are available on the GYPSD website including current and proposed school bus routes.

The Director of Transportation will continue to monitor bus loads, ride times and waiting lists of students. Route concerns reported to Transportation Services will continue to be documented, reviewed and resolved in an ongoing fashion.

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division believes that all concerns be addressed in order to provide our students with a safe environment, on and off the school bus. Parents, schools and other interested stakeholders are encouraged to communicate their concerns to the Transportation office as soon as possible.