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**Re: Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) Transportation Fees 2020-21**

Recently, misinformation has caused concern with our families regarding transportation fees for the 2020-21 school year. Each spring, the Board approves transportation fees for Kindergarten and Grades 1 – 12 for the next school year. Over the course of the 2019/20 school year, the Transportation Department audited and reviewed their financial practices, billing procedures, and updated virtual bus programs. Moving forward, all transportation fees will be collected as per Board Policy 17 by the Transportation Department and not by schools.

The Government of Alberta provides funds for eligible students who live *further* than 2.4 km from their designated school. The *School of Choice* fee has always been in effect and was created to ensure stable enrollment in schools. The *Alternate Seat* fee is to cover the cost of having a second seat on a different bus other than the student's regular bus.

It is unfortunate that some families were not aware of these fees prior to now; however, the Transportation Department is providing parents notice. All documentation is placed on the registration form including *Policy 17* and the fee payment requirements identified in *Appendix A*. Transportation is also sending out emails to confirm fees with parents.

Due to physical distancing protocols put in place by Alberta Health Services to mitigate risk and COVID transmission, GYPSD will **not** be offering ineligible busing options for K-12 students for the 2020-21 school year.

We invite our families to read the [current fee schedule](#), the [GYPSD Transportation Policy](#) and procedures on our website at [www.gypsd.ca](http://www.gypsd.ca). Families requiring information on installment options or financial assistance as per [Administrative Procedure 505](#) are invited to email the Transportation Department directly at: [transportation@gypsd.ca](mailto:transportation@gypsd.ca)

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