

June 20, 2022

The Hon. Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education
Office of the Minister, Education
228-Legislature Building
10800-97 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister LaGrange:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Trustees for Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) to request additional transportation funds to address the 2020/2021 expansion of the Living Waters' Catholic School Division within the Edson area.

As you may recall from our June 9th meeting where we discussed the challenges of rural transportation and separate school expansions, the Living Waters' Board electorate requested and received three additional 4x4 areas in December of 2020. GYPSD has not yet received any additional transportation funding to address the increased demands for transportation services in these new Catholic establishment areas.

We have seen a 30+ per cent rise in fuel, a 300+ per cent rise in insurance, escalating parts and service costs, challenges finding drivers, and increased demands on our personnel to manage the Living Waters' transportation needs. We are extremely proud of the level of safe, reliable, and efficient service our Transportation Team strives to provide, but the costs and demands are extraordinary.

Minister, we hope your ministry will provide the associated transportation costs our Division requires as a result of Living Waters' expansion.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request. We look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,



Dale Karpluk (Jun 20, 2022 12:29 MDT)

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Board Chair, Grande Yellowhead Public School Division

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