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**ATTENTION PARENTS:
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHANGES IN TRANSPORTATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2018**

ECSD is facing a \$1 million transportation budget deficit for the 2018/2019 school year and one of the areas that administration has been addressing to improve efficiencies is a review of our transportation services delivery model. Reasons for the deficit include a steady increase in operating costs with no additional provincial funds, a 22% increase in yellow bus ridership and a 12 % increase in Edmonton transit ridership over the last five years. We believe that an immediate, sustainable approach with implementation of tiered bussing, shared bussing and continued collaboration with Edmonton Public Schools to operate double run will achieve significant savings.

A strategic plan has been developed and changes for September 2018 include:

- **Tiered bussing** so that one bus can be used on two trips at the following schools:
 - Father Michael Mireau / Corpus Christi
 - Sister Annata Brockman / Bishop David Motiuk
 - St. Bonaventure / St. Maria Goretti
 - St. Charles / St. Lucy
 - St. John Bosco / Chris the King
 - St. Justin / St. Benedict
 - St. Martha / Good Shepherd

- **Shared bussing** at the following schools:
 - Archbishop Joseph MacNeil / Monsignor William Irwin
 - Our Lady of the Prairies / H.E. Beriault / Blessed Oscar Romero
 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel / J.H. Picard

- **2nd Trip** St. Augustine – the first trip will drop off a bus load of students at the school and then leave for a second trip by picking up additional students. The afternoon will also operate with two trips. There will be additional school supervision in the morning and afternoon

- **Edmonton Transit**
 - Austin O’Brien - Moving senior high students from bus route #99 to ETS
 - St. Thomas More – Moving junior high students from yellow bus to ETS service

- **Combining Routes**
 - St. Brendan – combining 4 yellow bus routes into 3 routes due to low ridership

- **Tiered Bussing for Kindergarten Noon Hour**
 - Father Michael Mireau / Corpus Christi
 - Our Lady of Victories / St. Paul
 - St. Martha / Good Shepherd

- **Shared Bussing for Kindergarten Noon Hour**
 Father Leo Green / St. Philip
 Frere Antoine / John Paul I
 St. Boniface / St. Stanislaus

- **Four-day kindergarten programs** throughout the District by no longer offering Thursday morning program at the following schools:

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| Archbishop Joseph MacNeil | Monsignor Fee Otterson |
| Bishop Greschuk | Our Lady of Victories |
| Corpus Christi | St. Boniface |
| Father Leo Green | St. Gabriel |
| Grandin | St. Lucy |
| Holy Family | St. Matthew |
| Mary Hanley | St. Thomas Aquinas |

- **Collaboration with Edmonton Public Schools – Double Runs**
 Father Michael Mireau – EPSB School
 Mary Hanley – EPSB School
 St. Angela – EPSB School
 St. Gerard – EPSB School
 St. John Bosco – EPSB School
 St. John XXIII – EPSB School
 St. Kateri – EPSB School
 St Thomas Aquinas / EPSB School

Please know that these modifications are only being made after careful consideration. We realize these changes will affect your family's schedule and wanted to give you time to prepare for these changes. A letter outlining the specific details of the changes in transportation as well as the affect on your child's school hours of operation was sent home on May 3, 2018. Please go to your child's school website to review a copy of the letter.

Thank you for your support as we work together to make our school transportation system as efficient as possible. If you have additional questions, please call District Transportation Services at 780-441-6078 or email transportationservices@ecsd.net.