



DATE: September 28, 2022
TO: Board of Trustees
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GOVERNANCE POLICY: [Policy 500 - Transportation](#)
ADDITIONAL REFERENCE: [AP565 – School Bus Safety](#)
Education Act: Sections 7(1), 4(1)(8), 59(1)
School Transportation Regulation AR96/2019

SUBJECT: School Bus Operation Regulation Changes

PURPOSE:

For information.

BACKGROUND:

The Alberta government is changing two regulations related to the operation of school buses.

The amended *Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation* will allow school buses to drive at the posted speed limit on Alberta highways, instead of at 90 km/h. Alberta was the only Canadian province that still limited the maximum speed limit for school buses. Permitting school buses to travel at posted highway speeds will increase road safety by reducing the likelihood of drivers taking unnecessary risks to pass slower-moving school buses. This speed limit change was recommended in a report released by the Student Transportation Task Force.

The amended *Operator Licensing and Vehicle Control Regulation* removes the requirement for completion of the S-endorsement program when operating school buses with up to two non-student passengers. This will allow mechanics and drivers without an S-endorsement to test drive and transfer school buses without the additional S-endorsement training.

Both these changes came into effect on September 1, 2022. Transportation Services shared the new regulations with all bus contractors.

Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the September 28, 2022, Public Board meeting.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Not applicable.