



DATE: December 21, 2022

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Shawna Warren, Superintendent

ORIGINATOR: Liliana LeVesconte, Associate Superintendent, Corporate Services

GOVERNANCE POLICY: [Policy 405 – Budget Development and Transparency](#)
[Policy 500 - Transportation](#)

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE: *Education Act: Sections 139(1)(2), 143, 180, 183, 184*
Education Act: Sections 7(1), 4(1)(8), 59(1)
School Transportation Regulation AR96/2019
Assurance Domain - [Governance](#)

SUBJECT: Transportation Review 2023-2024 – 2.4km Choice Rider

PURPOSE:

For information.

BACKGROUND:

Transportation Services is reviewing the walk boundary for student pick-ups/drop-offs within 2.4km or less from the school of attendance. Any students who reside within 2.4km of their designated school are ineligible for transportation funding from Alberta Education, and the fees collected from families are only a fraction of what the program needs to run within the transportation funding portfolio. Beginning the 2023-2024 school year, students will be required to follow the application process for the Choice Rider, and transportation will not be guaranteed until such time an assessment of the route and the costs thereof are determined. This process is likely to affect Four Winds, Gibbons, and Redwater Schools, Grades 5–9, and only where it is safe to do so.

Implementing this walk boundary for unfunded students (those who live inside 2.4km) will provide Transportation Services the opportunity to ensure transportation can be offered without impacting the safety and cost to the students who we receive funding for.

Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the December 21, 2022, Public Board meeting.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Not applicable.