



Date: September 27, 2023 **Agenda Item:** 7.6

To: Board of Trustees

From: Shawna Warren, Superintendent

Originator(s): Ruth Kuik, Acting Associate Superintendent, Corporate Services

Governance Policy: [Policy 405 - Budget Development and Transparency](#)
[Policy 500 - Student Transportation Services](#)

Additional Reference: *Education Act: Sections 7(1), 4(1)(8), 59(1), 139(1)(2), 143, 180, 183, 184*
School Transportation Regulation AR96/2019

Assurance Domain: Governance

Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard (SLQS)
SLQS Competencies ([SLQS](#) / [Board Policy 700](#)):
Visionary Leadership
School Division Operations and Resources
Supporting Effective Governance

Subject: **Noon Transportation Update**

Purpose:

For information.

Background:

The Division must prepare a balanced budget for review and approval by the Board, on an annual basis. Transportation Services reviewed the implication of budgetary pressures for the 2022-2023 school year and at the March 22, 2022, Public Board meeting, the Board made the decision to eliminate Noon Child Transportation Services for Pre-Kindergarten programming for the 2022-2023 school year.

Historically, the Division provided ineligible transportation services for students and children of the Division for noon transportation. Transportation services for pre-kindergarten children, prior to spring 2023, were considered ineligible due to not being funded by Alberta Education and, therefore, considered discretionary (subsidized) services.

Based on the new transportation services funding manual released for the 2023-2024 school year, the Division will receive transportation funding for Program Unit Funding (PUF) students enrolled in early childhood education.

Since the approval of the 2023-2024 Budget at the May 24, 2023, Public Board meeting, Transportation Services, in response to stakeholder feedback, has reviewed the transportation budget and evaluated the transportation application submissions with regard

to the requests for noon transportation services for pre-kindergarten programming. Parents were able to submit applications for noon transportation services to indicate their interest in the service should it become available. Transportation Services has reviewed the submissions to see if any communities could potentially support noon transportation services with enough ridership interest.

Interest in noon transportation services was stronger in the communities of Morinville, Redwater and Gibbons. Interest in the remaining communities was negligible. However, there were not enough applications received to warrant the addition of any noon transportation routes. Based on the number of applications received as of the August 15th deadline, the Division extended the deadline in Morinville, Redwater and Gibbons to apply for noon transportation until September 28, at 4:00 p.m. If there was sufficient support for the noon route and the Alberta Education transportation funding along with potential additional transportation fee revenue made it fiscally viable to offer noon transportation, the Division could consider adding the service for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. The Division provided additional time for parents who may be interested in noon transportation services to submit their transportation applications.

As of September 18, 2023, there have been minimal changes to the students who qualify for noon transportation at Landing Trail, École Morinville Public or Ochre Park schools. The details of the student applications have been provided as an attachment.

Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the September 27, 2023, Public Board meeting.

Attachment(s):

1. Noon Transportation Applications 2023-2024

Landing Trail - 11

AM/PM	Student Last Name	Gov't Funding	Fee	Notes
Cancelled	Student 1			
Out of zone	Student 2	\$1,083.39	\$75.00	Previously outside of area- 13 kilometers from town
Out of zone	Student 3	\$1,348.12	\$75.00	Previously outside of area- 20 kilometers from town
AM	Student 4	\$945.87	\$75.00	Previously outside of area- 7 km South of town
PM	Student 5	\$892.40	\$75.00	Previously outside of area- 6 km South of town
AM	Student 6	\$0.00	\$190.00	
AM	Student 7	\$841.97	\$75.00	
AM	Student 8	\$0.00	\$190.00	
AM	Student 9	\$0.00	\$190.00	
AM	Student 10	\$962.87	\$75.00	
AM	Student 11	\$838.83	\$75.00	
PM	Student 12	\$0.00	\$190.00	
PM	Student 13	\$0.00	\$190.00	
PM	Student 14	\$891.12	\$75.00	
PM	Student 15	\$848.36	\$75.00	
PM	Student 16	\$847.66	\$75.00	
Yellow & Green Total		\$7,069.08	\$1,550.00	
Green Total		\$5,230.81	\$1,400.00	
			\$6,630.81	

Note: Bus monitor is an additional cost of approximately \$10,800

Scenerios
<p>Scenerio 1: Add a fee of \$145</p> <p>Fee Revenue \$1,595.00 Total Funding \$8,225.81 Discrepancy \$14,274.19</p>
<p>Scenerio 2: Add a fee to bring cost to zero</p> <p>Fee Revenue \$15,869.19 Additional Fee Per Student \$1,442.65 Total Funding \$22,500.00</p>
<p>Scenerio 3: Add a fee of \$500</p> <p>Fee Revenue \$5,500.00 Total Funding \$12,130.81 Discrepancy \$10,369.19</p>

Morinville Public- 9

AM	Student 1	\$562.08	\$75.00	South Glens- may not be feasible with one bus
PM	Student 2	\$619.27	\$75.00	Cardiff- may not be feasible with one bus
Full Day	Student 3	\$533.61	\$130.00	Kindergarten
AM	Student 4	\$523.62	\$75.00	
AM	Student 5	\$534.43	\$75.00	
AM	Student 6	\$535.12	\$75.00	
PM	Student 7	\$526.18	\$75.00	
PM	Student 8	\$527.92	\$75.00	
PM	Student 9	\$538.26	\$75.00	
PM	Student 10	\$535.24	\$75.00	
PM	Student 11	\$525.36	\$75.00	
Yellow & Green Total		\$5,961.09	\$880.00	
Green Total		\$4,362.23	\$655.00	
			\$5,017.23	

Note: Bus monitor is an additional cost of approximately \$10,800

<p>Scenerio 1: Add a fee of \$145</p> <p>Fee Revenue \$1,305.00 Total Funding \$6,322.23 Discrepancy \$16,177.77</p>
<p>Scenerio 2: Add a fee to bring cost to zero</p> <p>Fee Revenue \$17,482.77 Additional Fee Per Student \$1,942.53 Total Funding \$22,500.00</p>
<p>Scenerio 3: Add a fee of \$500</p> <p>Fee Revenue \$4,500.00 Total Funding \$9,517.23 Discrepancy \$12,982.77</p>

Ochre Park- 9

Cancelled	Student 1			
Out of zone	Student 2	\$1,100.06	\$75.00	Previously outside of area- 14 kilometers East of town
Out of zone	Student 3	\$1,044.36	\$75.00	Previously outside of area- 11 kilometers West of town
AM	Student 4	\$843.36	\$75.00	

Scenerio 1: Add a fee of \$145

AM	Student 5	\$837.55	\$75.00
AM	Student 6	\$883.91	\$75.00
PM	Student 7	\$985.65	\$75.00
PM	Student 8	\$0.00	\$190.00
PM	Student 9	\$857.54	\$75.00
PM	Student 10	\$837.55	\$75.00
PM	Student 11	\$852.77	\$75.00
PM	Student 12	\$0.00	\$190.00
		\$6,098.33	\$905.00
			\$7,003.33

Note: Bus monitor is an additional cost of approximately \$10,800

Fee Revenue \$1,305.00
Total Funding \$8,308.33
Discrepancy \$14,191.67

Scenerio 2: Add a fee to bring cost to zero

Fee Revenue \$15,496.67
Additional Fee Per Student \$1,721.85
Total Funding \$22,500.00

Scenerio 3: Add a fee of \$500

Fee Revenue \$4,500.00
Total Funding \$11,503.33
Discrepancy \$10,996.67

Notes:

Based on using only green students, as we can ensure their ability to qualify for transportation
As of 09/11/2023

All 3 Route

Total Current Funding & Fees \$18,651.37
Total Annual Cost \$67,500.00
Discrepancy \$48,848.63