



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

**RE: *Changes to School Bus Routes Effective September 2024
North Shore and Brocklehurst Catchment Changes and School Re-Opening***

On June 14, 2021, the Board of Education received information regarding Brocklehurst Middle School being the ninth largest middle school provincially. Since that Board meeting, staff engaged in 28 focused, small group consultations in the communities impacted and conducted research into the size of middle schools provincially.

Based on this information and community responses, on June 19, 2023, the Board of Education approved several motions regarding grade reconfigurations and catchment changes for most schools on the North Shore and Brocklehurst communities of Kamloops commencing in September 2024.

School District transportation routes for students in the North Shore and Brocklehurst communities will be reorganized according to Board Policy 17 - Transportation of Students. Please note the following clarifications are provided for the sake of transparency and good communication. The following transportation guidelines will be implemented for September 2024:

- Students from Sun Peaks/Whitecroft (Grades 10-12) will be transported to NorKam Secondary School only.
- Students from Vinsulla, Knouff Lake, Heffley Lake & Rayleigh (Grades 8-12) will be transported to NorKam Secondary School only.
- No transportation will be provided for students within walk limits to elementary schools located on the North Shore nor in Brocklehurst.
- No transportation will be provided for students within walk limits to secondary schools located on the North Shore nor in Brocklehurst.
- Students requesting a transfer to their non catchment school will not be provided transportation.
- Inclusive Education Bus Routes will continue to service students on an individual basis in cooperation with our Inclusive Education Team.

As per Board Policy 17 – Transportation of Students sections 3.2: Primary students (Grades K – 3) – walk limit of four (4) kilometres; and, 3.3: All other students (Grades 4 – 12) – walk limit of 4.8 kilometres to school or 3.2 kilometres to a school bus stop.

If additional information is required please contact the Transportation Department at 250-372-5853.

Respectfully,

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Director of Transportation

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