
Fees have not yet been determined. The anticipated shortfall between funding and the cost of bussing was budgeted at \$80,000, which would be the amount the Board would need to recover through fees. The details of the new routes will determine whether fees are necessary. The decision on fees will be made by the Board at its Regular Board Meeting scheduled for August 25, 2009.

Registration for Bussing

Parents will be required to register their child(ren) to ride the bus. If your child is an eligible rider, and if you wish bus transportation for your child, please **register after August 25, 2009**. At that time, we will confirm the student's eligibility to ride the bus and the amount of the fee. **Registration must be completed between August 26 and September 24, 2009 to guarantee a seat on the bus.**

"Courtesy" and Cross-Boundary Students

Once new routes have been established and ridership has been determined, the issue of providing transportation to courtesy riders (that is, students living within the walk limits of their neighbourhood school) or cross-boundary students (students attending a different school other than their neighbourhood school) will be reviewed to determine if there is room on the new route for these students. Recommendations about permitting this ridership and whether there will be additional fees will be considered by the Board at its Regular Board Meeting on September 29, 2009.

The current enrollment procedures for students attending a school other than their neighbourhood school include the acknowledgment that parents are responsible for transportation. We know that many parents of cross-boundary students are providing transportation for their children, while others are currently using the school bus system. This advance notice that bus transportation cannot be guaranteed for cross-boundary students may affect your choice of which school your child will attend. If you decide to change the school your child attends, please request from your school office a copy of the "**Notice of Change in Registration 2009-10**" form, complete the form and submit it to the principal. This is important information for schools as classes and staff assignments are being organized for the 2009-10 school year.

If you have suggestions regarding the routes or collection points, please e-mail the Board at bussing@sd69.bc.ca.

Please watch our website and follow the local papers for information regarding the school bus services for next year.

Yours truly,



Eve Flynn, Chairperson
Board of Education

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