

November 1, 2023

To all YCS, CSFTNO, and YK1 families:



Kindly be advised that the deadline for bus pass applications for the 2023-2024 school year was October 31st. This date has since passed and bus pass applications may no longer be accepted.

Parents and guardians who have been placed on the waiting list, along with those who have submitted an appeal, should be advised that the waiting list is undergoing evaluation. Once the applications have been reviewed, the bus company (Transdev) will inform Yellowknife School Boards of available seats. The School Boards will then evaluate appeals from families and allocate any available spaces based on merit. This process is expected to conclude by November 15th.

Please note that distances used to measure eligibility have existed prior to the 2023-2024 school year and were determined by the School Boards, with mapping illustrations provided to us by the City of Yellowknife. The School Boards are now enforcing this existing distance criteria due to limited bus drivers. Students who meet the following criteria are eligible for a subsidized bus pass at a cost of \$225:

- 1.1** Kindergarten children living further than 0.4 km from school.
- 1.2** Students in grades 1-3 living further than 1.2 km from school.
- 1.3** Students in grades 4-6 living further than 1.6 km from school.
- 1.4** Students in grades 7-8 living further than 2.0 km from school.

Unfortunately, the bus system still does not have the capacity to service all interested riders, and may not at any time in the near future; the School Boards must make some tough decisions. We acknowledge the challenges associated with awaiting a decision and we appreciate your patience during this process.

Please help us recruit school bus drivers. If you or someone within your network is interested in supporting Yellowknife schools by becoming a school bus driver, please contact Nancy at Transdev at (867) 873-4693 or send her an email at yellowknife@firstgroup.com to ask about driver training.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Sincerely,

YK1, CSFTNO, YCS

