

September 4, 2020

Dear NCDSB Families,

The North East Tri Board Student Transportation Consortium is currently experiencing significant driver recruitment challenges as we begin the 2020-2021 school year. Unfortunately, there have been many bus drivers who have chosen to not continue in their role due to safety concerns regarding COVID-19. We understand this situation may cause some challenges for our families and our schools.

The three school boards who share student transportation continue to work closely with the North East Tri Board Student Transportation Consortium to implement strategies to correct this issue.

Transportation providers will continue to face additional staffing challenges due to the obligation of drivers to self-isolate if they have one or more symptoms compatible with COVID-19. This will lead to delayed or cancelled routes.

We already know that there are driver shortages and bus delays for the start of school. Therefore, it is **very important** that you subscribe to the [Netribus](#) portal in order to receive important notifications from North East Tri Board Student Transportation. By subscribing, families receive an email advising them of route delays and cancellations in real-time.

A final reminder that **ALL** students, Kindergarten to Grade 12, are required to wear a face mask while riding a school bus. In the event that a student forgets a face mask, one will be provided to them by the bus driver.

We appreciate your partnership in getting students back to school safely.

Sincerely,

Tricia Weltz,
Director of Education