



Long-Term Transportation Planning (2017-18 and beyond)

Earlier this year we invited parents, students, staff and members of the public to share their thoughts with us on transportation. The goal was to identify ways to deliver safe and efficient service that is affordable for parents and our system.

Based on what we heard, we developed and shared [plans for 2016-17 transportation services](#) on May 31.

Starting this fall, we'll also be considering what we heard as we finalize a long-term strategy. Some opportunities we're considering require more discussion and exploration. We will be talking with parents, students and staff in the coming year about these aspects of our long-term strategy:

- Develop clear and objective criteria to differentiate transportation service levels other than by program choice.
- Increase number of students using Calgary Transit or congregated stops where feasible.
- Explore a fuller partnership with Calgary Transit.
- Work with families to reduce low ridership routes (10 students or less).
- Explore ways to get route information to parents earlier in the school year.
- Continue working with an advisory committee (internal and external members) in developing a long-term strategy.

Our Board of Trustees continues to look for ways to ensure the government is aware of the transportation funding challenges we face. The Board recently wrote to Alberta Education regarding their concerns that the current transportation funding provided for students with complex learning needs is insufficient. This letter and response from Minister Eggen are posted [on our website](#).

We will share more information and connect with families about the opportunities to discuss the long-term strategy in the coming school year.

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