

# Staff Report



October 8, 2019

**To** Board of Education (Public Meeting)  
**From** Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO  
**Re** **Transportation Review**

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This report is being presented for Information.

## **BACKGROUND:**

In 2015/16, consultants were hired to examine school bus transportation, including ridership, and consider opportunities for improved efficiency. Based on the consultant's recommendations, changes were made at the start of the 2016-17 school year which included consolidation of some bus routes, discontinuation of others, a reduction in the number of pick-up locations and drop-off spots, and re-routing of some bus runs.

During the 2016-17 school year the consultants conducted a more detailed analysis of transportation ridership patterns. Their final report was completed in June of 2017 and provided information on the transportation requirements for varying levels of services to in-catchment students along with out-of-catchment students. No further action was taken at that time.

However, with the ongoing demand for student transportation services for regular busing, curricular and extra-curricular transportation, and with our ongoing difficulties in recruiting qualified bus drivers it is appropriate to review our student transportation services.

This review will be conducted by staff with recommendations coming forward as part of the 2020-21 budget planning process. It is expected that a public consultation will be part of this process.