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MEMO

To: Parents/Guardians
From: Cheryl Shimbashi, Transportation Coordinator
Date: June 25, 2019
Re: In-Eligible Student Rider Reminder

Under the provisions of Section 51 of the *School Act* as well as Student Transportation Regulation 250/98 of the *School Act*, it states “a board shall provide for the transportation of a student to and from the site of a school in which the board has enrolled the student if the student resides 2.4 kilometres or more from the boundary school.”

The board reviews availability on the buses after the 3rd week of September each school year for in-eligible students (students who are under 2.4 kms from their boundary school). Upon review, if space is available, a student may be allowed to ride the bus as long as space is not required for students who are eligible for transportation.

Please note, permission is only granted to in-eligible students after the third week of September for each school year and is not automatically granted into the next school year.

If your child is in-eligible for transportation for the 2019-2020 school year please note the procedure as outlined below:

1. At the beginning of the school year you may call my office and request that your child/children be placed on a waiting list. I receive a high volume of calls during this time, so please leave a message with your request. It could take several days for me to return any calls that require a response, however please note that all requests will be recorded and may not need a return call. Email requests will also be accepted.
2. Space availability will be reviewed during the 3rd week of September.
3. Parents are welcome to call my office during the 4th week of September to see if there is space for their child/children. Preference will be given to students whose distance from their school is the furthest.
4. If your child/children are granted access to the bus, you will need to sign the required acknowledgement paperwork in person at the Board Office. Once that has occurred, the school and Transit will be advised and your child/children will then be given a bus pass.

If you have any further questions or concerns I may be contacted at 403-380-5303 or cheryl.shimbashi@lethsd.ab.ca

Cheryl Shimbashi
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