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COMMUNIQUÉ

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students

Re: September 2021

With the 2020-2021 school year now concluded, we would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding throughout this most difficult period. Your cooperation was a key to ensuring a successful year, abbreviated as it was, and hopefully setting the stage for a return to some sense of normal, whenever that occurs. Please take the time to get vaccinated to protect yourselves, your family, your classmates, school staff and your bus driver. Also, please take some time this summer to teach pedestrian safety to the students who will be walking for the first time and familiarize them with the walking path.

Since the start of the pandemic, we have learned that the only constant is change, and that the critical quality we all must have is flexibility. As we continue to prepare for September 2021, we will endeavour to communicate pertinent details to you as they become available. Guidance documents from the Ministry of Education and North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit are the foundation for our directives. A revised Transportation Plan will be developed as updates occur and will be shared once completed.

Our first priority is to ensure that eligible students are assigned to transportation. Other considerations like courtesy transportation will be reviewed once eligible students have been assigned. Consideration must be given to physical distancing restrictions and other guidance from education and health authorities that may continue to be in place in September 2021. Please be patient as responses may be delayed.

We are targeting **August 16th 2021** as our release date for route information for upcoming year. Please check our website for details subsequent to that date.