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## COMMUNIQUE

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**Dear Parents/Guardians**

### What is new for 2025-2026: OPT OUT OF TRANSPORTATION

As required by the Ministry of Education and in the interest of student safety and to maximize available resources, parents/guardians are asked to advise the NPSSTS should their eligible children **not** require transportation. Parents/Guardians can do this by completing the [Opt-Out form](#) (EL-006-1) that is found on the NPSSTS website.

It is very important that eligible students who are not using the bus identify themselves as opting out of transportation, so they are not improperly assigned to a school bus and/or inadvertently put on a bus at the end of the day. Currently, there are approximately 1,900 students who are identified as Own Transportation or Not Riding in our system. We consider these students as having opted out of transportation. The table below should assist you in knowing what steps to take:

SITUATION	ACTION TO BE TAKEN
I am a new student. I am eligible for transportation and will be using transportation 2025-2026.	<b>No action required</b> – we will assign you to transportation based on the information provided by your school board.
I am changing schools in September. I will be eligible for transportation and will be using transportation in 2025-2026.	<b>No action required</b> – we will assign you to transportation based on the information provided by your school board.
I am eligible for transportation. I am currently listed as “Own Transportation” or “Not Riding”. I am not changing schools or changing addresses or other information. I will not require transportation in 2025-2026.	<b>No action required</b> – we will carry over your status to the next school year.
I am eligible for transportation. Nothing is changing with respect to my attendance at school, address or any other information. I am currently riding the bus <u>but will not require transportation</u> in 2025-2026.	<b>Complete the online <a href="#">form</a> and submit it directly to NPSSTS.</b>

I am changing my home, pick up or drop off address. I will be eligible for transportation from the new location <u>but will not require transportation</u> in 2025-2026.	<b>Complete the online <a href="#">form</a> and submit it directly to NPSSTS.</b>
I am changing schools in September. I am eligible for transportation from the new location <u>but will not require transportation</u> in 2025-2026.	<b>Complete the online <a href="#">form</a> and submit it directly to NPSSTS.</b>
I am changing my home, pick up or drop off address. I will be eligible for transportation from the new location but will require transportation in 2025-2026.	<b>Contact your school/board</b> to complete and submit a Transportation Form.
What about Joint Custody?	<b>Follow the scenario</b> applicable to each individual parent/guardian. A custodial parent/guardian may only change transportation for their own address and time where they are the custodial parent.
None of the above fit my circumstances?	<b>Contact NPSSTS</b> at <a href="mailto:info@npssts.ca">info@npssts.ca</a> and we will reply to your email inquiry based on your description of the situation.

You can check your eligibility on our website at [www.npssts.ca](http://www.npssts.ca), select the yellow icon marked **Eligibility Query**.

If you don't know the student's transportation status, please check your Parent Portal account. If there are no transportation details outlining the pickup and drop off times and locations, the student is not assigned to transportation. You must therefore contact your school/board to complete and submit a Transportation Form if you wish to access student transportation.

If you don't have a NPSSTS Parent Portal account, please create one by following the instructions located on our home page under the green "Bus Planner Web Instructions" icon. Be sure to use the same email address your school/board as your student(s) contact information.