

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Re: Bus Transportation Cancellations

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Over the past few years, I have written to parents to note that we are facing shortages in staffing, and in particular, bus drivers. While we have a number of new candidates in training presently, they will not be able to drive for us until the end of the month. In fact, since the beginning of the school year, our Transportation Manager has driven a bus every day due to this shortage.

Unfortunately, we will need to cancel some runs for the next few weeks due to a driver shortage. Please refer to the list below to see how these cancellations will impact bus runs; we will be working to 'roll' the cancellation so no one run is impacted more than others. We understand that this is a potentially upsetting event, creating uncertainty and inconvenience, and as noted we are working to improve this situation with the addition of more drivers. Our upcoming cancellations:

Sept 16,17, 18 Cancel route 11      am,pm

Sept 18 Cancel route 5              am,pm

Sept 19, 20, 23 Cancel route 2      am,pm

While we have a small number of drivers in training, we can certainly welcome more to the fold! We are actively recruiting bus drivers (and other positions) on an ongoing basis. If you know anyone who is interested in this sort of work, either regular or as a casual, please ask them to apply for a rewarding position with us! <https://www.makeafuture.ca/bc-schools-and-districts/mission/>

Should you have any questions about this issue, do not hesitate to contact me at [angus.wilson@mpsd.ca](mailto:angus.wilson@mpsd.ca) to discuss further. Thank you for your attention on this matter. Hopefully these incidents will arise infrequently or not at all after September.

Sincerely,



Angus Wilson  
Superintendent of Schools