



Attention: All Parents/Guardians

Date: August 29, 2022

From: Student Transportation of Peel Region

Subject: Welcome Back Parents/Guardians & Students to the 2022/2023 School Year

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to a new school year and provide you with the following transportation information.

School starts on Tuesday Sept 6, 2022:

All elementary and secondary classes for the Peel District School Board and Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board resume on Tuesday September 6, 2022.

Bus Route Information:

STOPR staff have been busy working during the summer months preparing bus routes for September.

Please note that effective **Monday August 29** Parents/Guardians can go onto the STOPR website www.stopr.ca to access their bus route information.

Click on the “*Student Transportation*” tab and create an account for your children to access transportation details. You can also sign up to receive automatic notifications of delays or cancellations.

Please double check your transportation details over the Labor Day weekend to check for any changes or updates to your children’s transportation.

STOPR Website and Twitter:

Be sure to follow us on twitter @STOPRinfo and check out our website www.stopr.ca for the most up to date transportation information including:

- Delays and Cancellations
- First Time Rider Program Video and Resources
- School Bus Safety Videos and Resources
- Transportation Procedures and Forms
- COVID-19 Transportation information and updates
- Transportation and School Eligibility
- Walk and Roll Guide to School for Parents



Double Check Your Eligibility:

Please remember that transportation eligibility distances change each year by grade level:

Kindergarten to Grade 1: 1.0 kilometers

Grades 2 to 4: 1.6 kilometers

Grades 5 to 8: 2.0 kilometers

Grades 9 to 12: 3.8 kilometers

Parents should double check their new eligibility distance when their children are graduating from:

Grade 1 to grade 2

Grade 4 to grade 5

Grade 8 to grade 9

For more information, please check our eligibility distance procedure which can be found on our website at www.stopr.ca

COVID-19 restrictions:

Please note that students and bus drivers are no longer required to wear PPE (*Personal Protective Equipment, face mask, etc*) while travelling on a school bus/vehicle. Students and bus drivers may continue to wear PPE on a voluntary basis.

School buses/vehicles will continue to be cleaned on a regular basis as they were prior to the pandemic and bus drivers will continue to perform a disinfecting wipe down of high touch areas (handrails) between runs.

Physical distancing and assigned seating plans are no longer required onboard school buses.

Please continue to follow us on Twitter @STOPRinfo and monitor our website at www.stopr.ca for the latest information and updates on COVID-19 transportation requirements.

First Time Rider Safety Tips Booklet:

Riding the school bus is a new experience for many young students and it is important that parents/guardians help their children prepare to ride the school bus safely.

Check out our website and download a copy of our new *First Time Rider Safety Tips Booklet* that has been especially designed for parents, guardians and students who are new to school busing.



This booklet covers our “Primary Protocol” procedure which has been implemented to enhance the safety of kindergarten and grade one students who are riding the school bus.

It also provides important safety tips on waiting at the bus stop, riding the school bus, and picking your children up at the bus stop. Please take the time to review these important student safety resources with your children.

Contacting STOPR:

If you have any questions, please visit our website at www.stopr.ca or contact us at:

Telephone contact: (905) 890-6000
Toll free: 1-800-668-1140

When calling for school bus information, please make sure that you have your child’s Ontario Educational Number (OEN) available. The OEN number can be found on your child’s report card or is available from your school.

STOPR staff will ask for your child’s OEN to ensure your child’s personal transportation information is secure and is shared only with the appropriate person.

What’s new on the school bus this year?

Watch out for updated “Amber” warning lights on the front and back of our school buses this year.

When you see a school bus with its overhead “Amber” warning lights flashing, it means that the bus is slowing down and is about to stop and pick-up or drop-off students.

STOPR would like to remind parents and the general public that whenever you are driving and see a school bus with its overhead “Amber” warning lights flashing:

- Slow down
- Be prepared to stop
- Watch out for students

For more information check our website at www.stopr.ca

STOPR’s Mission Statement and Motto:

“Trusted partners in providing safe, reliable, and efficient school transportation that supports student success in every community we serve.”

“Connecting Students with Education”

On behalf of everyone at the STOPR Team, “Welcome Back” to a new school year, we look forward to serving your transportation needs.