



# Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium

## Bus News

Spring/Summer 2019

Welcome to the spring edition of the RCJTC “Bus Stop News”. This newsletter is intended to be a publication that will be distributed to all stakeholders to keep them informed of all ongoing or upcoming operational items.



### Spring Flooding

Due to spring flooding in some lowland areas across Renfrew County, bus routes servicing both Renfrew County Catholic District School Board (RCCDSB) and Renfrew County District School Board (RCDSB) may be altered with little to no notice to make accommodations for water on roads and or bridges. In some cases, the RCJTC receives notification of flooded and closed roadways and or bridges in advance by local public works representatives. In most instances, a bus driver will come across water on roadways and or bridges while on their route. In these circumstances, drivers are not able to determine if the road or bridge has been compromised and are instructed to turn around and not cross the flooded area for everyone’s safety.

With student safety our top priority, the Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium (RCJTC) works closely with the School Bus Operators to keep students, parents and schools informed of the status of busing. In the event of flooding, parents will be contacted by the operator as quickly as possible if their children’s address cannot be accommodated; all the while every effort will be made to secure alternative pick up and drop off locations as required during this event.

Once the flooding has subsided, the routes and stops will be reverted back to the way they were as soon as it is safe to do so. We appreciate everyone’s support and patience during flooding events.

#### Check frequently for bus cancellations and/or delays via:

- [Website](http://www.onthebus.ca) ([www.onthebus.ca](http://www.onthebus.ca))
- [Twitter](https://twitter.com/RCJTC_Trans) (@RCJTC\_Trans)
- [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/RCJTC) (RCJTC)
- [iTunes](https://itunes.apple.com) with iPhone App (verify with “RCJTC”)
- [Google Play](https://play.google.com) with Android App (verify with “RCJTC”)
- [Email](mailto:rcjtc@onthebus.ca) to parents who subscribe for notifications (confirmation email sent within 3min)



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## Is your child eligible for transportation?

Parents/guardians are responsible for finding out if their child is eligible for transportation. Elementary students must live greater than 1.6 km from their Board designated school to qualify for transportation...

1. Click on [Am I eligible for Transportation?](#) from our website
2. Enter your street number, street name, city/twp, your school Board, grade, program if applicable and click on submit (the designated school will then be displayed).

Parents/guardians are to notify their school of all address/contact/sitter changes. The school then notifies RCJTC and students who are eligible for transportation will be assigned to a designated bus stop and bus route as determined by RCJTC. [Click here](#) to view procedure for making a change to your address (instructions outline the procedures for the regular school year and during the summer months from July-August).

### Reminders:

- If changes have to be made to your child's information, parents/guardians must contact the school; school bus drivers are not authorized to accept changes from parents/guardians.
- Please arrive at your bus stop 10 minutes before your scheduled pick-up time.
- Leave something on the bus? Contact the bus operator directly ([click here](#) to see link to list of bus operators).
- School Bus Drivers Wanted! [Click here](#) to view list of operators in your area and to complete an on-line application.
- Find everything you need to know on the [Parents Toolkit](#) such as safety videos, information brochure, explanation of walk distance policy and link to the parent portal.

## Transportation Schedules for 2019-2020 School Year:

Transportation schedules for the upcoming school year will be available to parents/guardians online starting **August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019** at [www.onthebus.ca](http://www.onthebus.ca). Click on the '[Parent Portal](#)' link. You will need your child's OEN (found on their report card) to access this information. [Click here to save to your calendar.](#)

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*:** Please note that school bus routes and bus stop times are subject to change prior to the school year and throughout the school year. Please visit the [Parent Portal](#) to confirm your information.



[Click here to save reminder of August 19<sup>th</sup> Date to your calendar](#)



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