

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

From: RCJTC Administrative Committee
Date: September 09, 2022

Subject: **School Bus Driver Shortage School Year 2022-2023**

The Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium (RCJTC) would like to thank all the new and returning bus drivers, monitors, dispatchers, and mechanics that allowed us to safely deliver over 98% of students to school throughout the first week of school. Looking to the second week of the school year two bus routes within Renfrew County remain cancelled (routes 164W and 301P).

Since receiving notice from our contracted local bus operators that they were unable to retain, recruit and train enough drivers to cover all routes, RCJTC staff have been working tirelessly to propose alternative route solutions that would enable service to return to the families impacted by the driver shortage. To date, none of these proposals have been accepted by the contracted local bus operators.

Additionally, the RCJTC has also been in contact with transportation companies outside of Renfrew County to obtain coverage for the cancelled routes but thus far have been unable to find any that are willing to provide service.

We will continue to work collaboratively with our local contracted school bus operators to propose solutions with the hope that we can find a plan that they will find agreeable and enables service to return to the impacted families.

For updated information on the driver shortage please visit: www.onthebus.ca