

May 8, 2015

Dear Parents

In response to the budget constraints for the 2015-2016 school year, the transportation department is making some changes to their current practices. A summary of the changes are provided below:

Fees: A new fee has been approved by the Board of Trustees at their April 21, 2015 meeting and will be implemented for the 2015/2016 school year. **Students in Kindergarten to Grades 5 living between 1.6 km and 2.4 km from their designated school will be assessed a transportation fee of \$150 per student.** The maximum a family will pay is \$600 per year.

Student transportation fees for other students have not changed and can be viewed at www.rdcrcs.ca.

Payment of fees: transportation fees will be added to school fees and invoiced at the same time. For those families experiencing financial difficulties, an application for a fee waiver is being developed. Fee waiver applications will be available online and at your school.

Registration for Transportation: in an effort to streamline the registration process for transportation, an online application form has been developed.

All parents will be required to register their children for transportation for the upcoming school year. Registration deadline for the 2015-2016 school year is June 15, 2015. Late registration may result in your child not having a seat on the bus.

The application form is available on our website at www.rdcrcs.ca or by clicking [here](#). Families may still call the Transportation office at 403-309-8801 to register. However, we strongly encourage using the online form to avoid long wait times on the phone. Students riding City of Red Deer transit will also be required to register for busing.

Pickup and drop off stops: this year we will be moving to standardize the pickup and drop off stops to more centralized locations (rather than move them year to year). This will allow identification of bus stops to occur early and not change due to new students requiring transportation. Identification of these stop will also allow coordination with local municipalities to make these roads a priority with snow removal where possible.

Information access: for those parents that have a username and password to PowerSchool, a transportation page has been added that will allow you to see the information used in the calculation of fees and designated school. For those parents who do not currently have a username and password please contact your school for this information.

We thank you for your confidence in Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools Transportation and we look forward to continuing to providing a safe and reliable service for your family.

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K Jaeger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "K" being particularly large and stylized.

Ken Jaeger
Supervisor of Support Services