

Lester B. Pearson School Board Commission scolaire Lester-B.-Pearson 1925 Brookdale Ave., Dorval, QC, Canada www.lbpsb.qc.ca

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Dear parents/guardians,

We are writing with the latest update regarding the situation involving school bus transportation.

Despite announcements by the Quebec government regarding an agreement with the different school bus carriers, not all companies that provide transportation for schools across Quebec have accepted the government offer. This includes the companies that normally service LBPSB schools.

As a result we are informing you that at this moment, we cannot guarantee school bus transportation when classes resume at Lester B. Pearson School Board schools on Tuesday August 30th. Until further notice, parents and guardians who rely on bus transportation must find alternative solutions in terms of dropping off and picking their children up from school.

The school board will be introducing some contingencies designed to help mitigate the circumstances.

These contingencies include:

- Introducing extended supervision hours to elementary school students who would normally use school bus transportation. This service will allow parents to drop off their child/dren for supervision up to 45 minutes prior to start of school and pick them up 30 minutes after regular dismissal. These extended hours will be **available as of Thursday September 1**st. Schools will be in contact with you shortly to confirm the exact details and times this service will be available. Parents who are interested in availing themselves of these extended hours can inform their school by 4:00 p.m. Sunday, August 28th, by visiting the Mozaik Parent Portal and/or clicking on the following link: <u>How to access the Extended Supervision and Dismissal Pickup forms</u>
- 2) For high school students, the LBPSB will open school buildings up to an hour earlier so parents/guardians can have greater flexibility in terms of when they can drop off their child/ren. Individual schools will be in contact with you to confirm details about these extended hours.

- 3) Encourage use if carpooling and, wherever possible, encouraging the use of STM/EXO public transit to get students to and from school. For more information please click on the following link: <u>https://www.stm.info/en/info/networks/bus/local</u>
- 4) As well, parents who wish to have an authorized third-party pick up their child from school at dismissal are being asked to communicate the name of the individuals in question to their local school. This can be done via the Mozaik Parent Portal.

We realize the inconveniences this situation may cause and are working with all the parties involved in the negotiations to try to resolve this matter as quickly as possible.

Rest assured we will continue to keep you informed of developments as events warrant.

We thank you for your patience.

Lester B. Pearson School Board Administration