

DATE: May 22, 2012
TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Edgar Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: Student Transportation Fees for 2012-2013
ORIGINATOR: Brian J. Smith, Executive Director, Finance & Infrastructure
RESOURCE
STAFF: Lorne Parker, Christopher Wright
REFERENCE: N/A

ISSUE

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

That the following schedule noting bus pass fees for the 2012-2013 school year be approved, to be effective August 2012.

BACKGROUND

Student Transportation Services is funded from two sources; provincial transportation grants and student transportation fees. A modest increase in provincial funding will be received in 2012-2013. No increase to bus pass fees is being proposed.

In considering the proposed 2012-2013 fee schedule, the following is noted:

- The projected overall increase to the provincial transportation grant is estimated to be six per cent for the 2012-2013 school year.
- The projected overall increase in cost for transportation services is estimated to be four per cent for the 2012-2013 school year.

The 2012-2013 funding rates help to align provincial funding with the current market pricing for transportation services. No expenditure of carry forward surplus funds is expected in order to offset a revenue shortfall.

RELATED FACTS

Administration continues to work closely with the other metro jurisdictions and Alberta Education to secure a sustainable, predictable funding formula. Retained carry forward funds will be utilized to facilitate any transitions in funding and:

- achieve additional design efficiencies in the transportation service delivery model;
- implement service-oriented improvements to ensure student safety and maximize the ability of school staff to focus on student needs and achievement; and
- accommodate any additional service demands resulting from ongoing development of new communities.

The extent to which student Transportation fees increase or decrease annually is dependent on:

1. the level of provincial funding;
2. expenditures related to the District's cost of purchasing Edmonton Transit student bus passes from the city;
3. the number of students purchasing public transit passes;
4. the number of schools serviced;
5. the number of students and type of programs supported by yellow bus service, including service to new communities;
6. the cost of school bus contracts;
7. the un-funded and non-statutory services offered by the District; and
8. the compliance to regulations and eligibility procedures.

CONSIDERATIONS & ANALYSIS

N/A

NEXT STEPS

Pending the approval of the 2012-2013 Student Transportation Fees, Student Transportation will post the fee schedule to the web site and notify schools by way of Need to Know News.

ATTACHMENTS & APPENDICES

ATTACHMENT I 2012-2013 Student Transportation Fees

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2012-2013 Student Transportation Fees

<i>TYPE OF TRANSPORTATION</i>	<i>MONTHLY FEE</i>	<i>ANNUAL FEE</i>	<i>REPLACEMENT COSTS (lost or stolen) Per pass/month</i>
<u>EDMONTON TRANSIT</u>			
Kindergarten	No Charge	No Charge	\$65.55
Elementary Special Needs	\$27.00	\$215.00	\$65.55
Elementary (school has been closed or not built)	\$27.00	\$215.00	\$65.55
Family Maximum (school has been closed or not built) Kindergarten not included	\$66.00	\$525.00	n/a
Elementary (attending a school other than designated school)	\$48.00	\$405.00	\$65.55
Family Maximum (attending a school other than designated school)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Elementary (Bilingual or Immersion)	\$27.00	\$215.00	\$65.55
Elementary (Other Programs of Choice)	\$48.00	\$405.00	\$65.55
Junior High	\$48.00	\$405.00	\$65.55
Senior High	\$48.00	\$405.00	\$65.55
Family Maximum (Junior or Senior High)	n/a	n/a	n/a
<u>YELLOW SCHOOL BUS</u>			
Regular:			
Kindergarten	No Charge	No Charge	\$6.00
Elementary (school has been closed or not built)	\$27.00	\$215.00	\$6.00
Family Maximum (school has been closed or not built) Kindergarten not included	\$66.00	\$525.00	n/a
Junior High	\$48.00	\$405.00	\$6.00
Junior High (student attends same school as attended in elementary)	\$27.00	\$215.00	\$6.00
Senior High	\$48.00	\$405.00	\$6.00
Family Maximum (Junior or Senior High)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Needs Curb Service:			
Kindergarten and Early Education	No Charge	No Charge	\$6.00
Elementary	\$27.00	\$215.00	\$6.00
Family Maximum (Elementary) Kindergarten and Early Education not included	\$66.00	\$525.00	\$6.00
Junior High	\$48.00	\$405.00	\$6.00
Senior High	\$48.00	\$405.00	\$6.00
Family Maximum (Junior or Senior High)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Alternative Programs:			
Kindergarten	No Charge	No Charge	\$6.00
Elementary (Bilingual or Immersion)	\$27.00	\$215.00	\$6.00
Family Maximum (Bilingual or Immersion) Kindergarten not included	\$66.00	\$525.00	n/a
Elementary (Other Programs of Choice)	\$48.00	\$405.00	\$6.00
Family Maximum (Other Programs of Choice) Kindergarten not included	\$120.00	\$1010.00	n/a
Conditional Riders:			
Kindergarten to Grade 12	\$48.00	n/a	\$6.00
Family Maximum	n/a	n/a	n/a