

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

May 24, 2005

TO: Board of Trustees  
FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools  
SUBJECT: Student Transportation Fees for 2005-2006  
ORIGINATOR: C. McCabe, Assistant to the Superintendent  
RESOURCE  
STAFF: Jenise Bidulock, Dorothy Sombach

RECOMMENDATION

That the following schedule of monthly bus pass fees for the 2005-2006 school year to be approved, to be effective August 2005 and that the offer of free kindergarten busing as previously approved by the board, be confirmed.

**A. Edmonton Transit Passes**

Fees:

	<b>Current 2004-05</b>	<b>Proposed 2005-06</b>
Elementary (To the designated school from neighbourhoods where schools have been closed or have not been built)	\$ 7.00	\$ 14.00
Elementary Special Needs	\$ 7.00	\$ 14.00
Elementary	\$ 24.00	\$ 30.00
Junior High	\$ 24.00	\$ 30.00
Senior High	\$ 24.00	\$ 30.00

**B. Charter Yellow Bus**

i) <b>Regular:</b>		
Elementary (To the designated school from neighbourhoods where schools have been closed or have not been built)	\$ 7.00	\$ 14.00
Elementary Special Needs	\$ 7.00	\$ 14.00
Rural Elementary	\$ 7.00	\$ 14.00
Junior High (student attends same school as was attended in elementary)	\$ 7.00	\$ 14.00
Junior High	\$ 24.00	\$ 30.00
Senior High	\$ 24.00	\$ 30.00
ii) <b>Alternative Programs:</b>		
Elementary	\$ 42.00	\$ 45.00
Family Maximum 3 or more elementary children (K not included)	\$100.00	\$120.00
iii) <b>Special Needs Curb:</b>		
Elementary	\$ 7.00	\$ 14.00
Junior	\$ 24.00	\$ 30.00
Senior High	\$ 24.00	\$ 30.00
iv) <b>Conditional Ridership</b>		
Kindergarten to Grade 12	\$ 42.00	\$ 50.00

**C. Kindergarten and Early Education**

Free busing for kindergarten students attending their designated schools, or alternative program schools within their designated transportation areas will be provided.

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If this recommendation is approved, there will be a fee increase for some students whereas kindergarten students will receive free transportation for the 2005-2006 school year. The recommended fee schedule for the 2005-2006 school year will generate \$6,940,040 an increase of \$1,082,471 from the previous year. Bus pass revenue of \$6,940,040 plus the provincial funding of \$17,415,000 will result in a total revenue to the district of \$24,355,040. Total revenue will result in a surplus of \$63,290 with the projected 2005-2006 transportation expenditure of \$24,291,750 with a carry forward deficit of approximately \$1.1M. This will result in a reduction of the deficit to a deficit of \$1,099,816.

## **Background**

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 students and type of programs supported by yellow bus service, and
5. the cost of school bus contracts.

Provincial funding has not kept pace with increasing costs. This is an issue across the province. Compounding the problem, the district enrolment for 2004 – 2005 school year was reduced, therefore, the transportation grant was reduced. For the first time in a number of years there is a deficit in student transportation. Plans are in place to begin to bring the transportation system in line with the current level of funding, as outlined in the information report previously presented to board.

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**HISTORY OF MONTHLY STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FEES**

											<b>Proposed</b>
<b>Edmonton Transit Passes</b>	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05		<b>2005-06</b>
Kindergarten	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00		Free
Elementary (in neighbourhoods where schools have not been built)	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00		\$14.00
Elementary (in neighbourhoods where school have been closed)	Free	\$9.75	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00		\$14.00
Elementary Special Needs	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00		\$14.00
Elementary	\$13.75	\$20.00	\$13.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$24.00		\$30.00
Junior High	\$13.75	\$22.00	\$13.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$24.00		\$30.00
Senior High	\$13.75	\$23.00	\$13.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$24.00		\$30.00
<b>Charter Yellow Bus</b>											
<b>Regular Programs:</b>											
Kindergarten	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00		Free
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Elementary (in neighbourhoods where schools have been closed)	Free	\$9.75	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$ 6.00	\$7.00		\$14.00
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Elementary	\$13.75	\$20.00	\$13.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$ 2.00	\$24.00		\$30.00
Junior High	\$13.75	\$24.00	\$13.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$24.00		\$30.00
Senior High	\$13.75	\$25.00	\$13.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$24.00		\$30.00
<b>Alternative Programs:</b>											
Kindergarten	\$36.75	\$44.00	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$39.00	\$42.00		Free
Elementary	\$36.75	\$44.00	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$39.00	\$42.00		\$45.00
Family Maximum – 3 or more children	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$ 3.00	\$100.00		\$120.00
<b>Special Needs Curb:</b>											
Kindergarten or Early Education	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00		Free
Elementary	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00		\$14.00
Junior High	\$13.75	\$24.00	\$13.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$24.00		\$30.00
Senior High	\$13.75	\$25.00	\$13.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$24.00		\$30.00
<b>Conditional Ridership</b>	\$36.75	\$44.00	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$39.00	\$42.00		\$50.00

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**INFLATION ADJUSTED COMPARISON OF MONTHLY STUDENT TRANSPORTATION  
FEES BETWEEN 1999-2000 AND 2005-2006**

		<b>Inflation Adjusted</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Dollar Increase</b>	<b>Percentage Increase</b>
<b>Edmonton Transit Passes</b>	<b>1999-00</b>	<b>1999-00</b>	<b>2005-06</b>		
Kindergarten	\$5.00	\$5.73	Free		
Elementary (in neighbourhoods where schools have not been built)	\$5.00	\$5.73	\$14.00	\$8.27	144.3%
Elementary (in neighbourhoods where school have been closed)	\$5.00	\$5.73	\$14.00	\$8.27	144.3%
Elementary Special Needs	\$5.00	\$5.73	\$14.00	\$8.27	144.3%
Elementary	\$24.00	\$27.49	\$30.00	\$2.51	9.1%
Junior High	\$24.00	\$27.49	\$30.00	\$2.51	9.1%
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<b>Charter Yellow Bus</b>					
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<b>Alternative Programs:</b>					
Kindergarten	\$40.00	\$45.82	Free		
Elementary	\$40.00	\$45.82	\$45.00	(\$0.82)	-1.8%
Family Maximum – 3 or more children	\$100.00	\$114.55	\$120.00	\$5.45	4.8%
<b>Special Needs Curb:</b>					
Kindergarten or Early Education	\$5.00	\$5.73	Free		
Elementary	\$5.00	\$5.73	\$14.00	\$8.27	144.3%
Junior High	\$24.00	\$27.49	\$30.00	\$2.51	9.1%
Senior High	\$24.00	\$27.49	\$30.00	\$2.51	9.1%
<b>Conditional Ridership</b>	\$40.00	45.82	\$50.00	\$4.18	9.1%

APPENDIX II

**HISTORY OF AVERAGE CARRIER RATES**

YEAR	AM/PM rate per route per day	Difference prev. year	Noon Kindergarten rate per route per day	Difference prev. year	Special rate per student per day	Difference prev. year	Wheelchair
1994-1995	\$110.91				\$9.56		
1995-1996	\$106.53	-3.90%	\$37.91		\$8.87	-7.20%	
1996-1997	\$108.53	1.90%	\$38.91	2.60%	\$9.07	2.30%	
1997-1998	\$132.16	21.80%	\$39.86	2.40%	\$10.68	17.60%	
1998-1999	\$135.74	2.70%	\$39.18	-1.70%	\$10.85	1.60%	
1999-2000	\$135.74	0.00%	\$42.38	8.17%	\$11.06	1.90%	
2000-2001	\$146.56	7.90%	\$42.25	-0.03%	\$13.14	18.80%	
2001-2002	\$145.17	-0.95%	\$42.85	1.43%	\$14.06	7.00%	
2002-2003	\$151.68	4.48%	\$48.00	12.01%	\$15.76	12.90%	
2003-2004	\$149.17	-1.65%	\$48.62	1.29%	\$16.14	2.41%	
2004-2005	\$150.66	1.00%	\$49.10	1.00%	\$16.29	1.00%	\$22.50
2005-2006	\$158.20	5.00%	\$51.56	5.00%	*\$16.61	2.00%	\$22.95

\* Early Education rates excluded

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**INFLATION ADJUSTED COMPARISON OF THE AVERAGE CARRIER RATES  
BETWEEN 1999-2000 AND 2005-2006**

		<b>AM/PM rate per route per day</b>	<b>Noon Kindergarten rate per route per day</b>
	1999-2000	\$135.74	\$42.38
Inflation Adjusted	1999-2000	\$155.50	\$48.55
	2005-2006	\$158.20	\$51.56
Dollar increase		\$2.70	\$5.84
Percentage Increase		1.74%	12.02%

**COMPARISON OF TRANSPORTATION FEE STRUCTURES  
FROM SURROUNDING SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS**

	FEES - YELLOW						FEES - TRANSIT			BOUNDARIES
	Elem.	Jr. High	Sr. High	Choice	Spec Needs	Parent Prov.	Elem.	Jr. High	Sr. High	
<b>Monthly 2005/2006 Proposed Edmonton Public</b>	Per month						Per month			Open
	K - Free Gr. 1-6 \$14	\$30	\$30	K - Free Gr. 1 - 6 \$47 Family maximum \$120	\$14	\$7/day	K - free Eligible Gr. 1-6 \$14 Ineligible Gr. 1-6 \$30	\$30	\$30	
<b>*Monthly 2005-2006 Edmonton Catholic</b>	Per month						Per month			Open
	\$17	\$21	\$21	Same as elem, jr. high & sr. high	Same as elem, jr. high & sr. high	\$7/day	\$17	\$21	\$21	
<b>Yearly 2005/2006 St. Albert Catholic</b>	K-Free, Grade1-12 \$80/year			\$140.00/year	Same as K-12	Yes-grant	No transit			Closed
<b>Yearly 2005-2006 St. Albert Prot.</b>	K-Free, Grade 1-12 \$110/year			\$130.00/year	Same as K-12	Yes-grant	No transit			Closed
<b>Yearly 2004/2005 Elk Island Catholic</b>	Free if greater than 2.4 km Less than 2.4 km - Gr. K-6 - \$200/yr Family Max \$400			Same as elem, jr. high & sr. high	Free	Negotiate d Separately	Eligible - Free Ineligible \$38.00/mo			Open
<b>Yearly 2004/2005 Elk Island Public</b>	Free if greater than 2.4km K Eligible - Noon service only \$150/yr K Ineligible - Noon service only \$250/yr AM or PM only \$100/yr Noon service & AM or PM \$350/yr Ineligible \$200/yr. Maximum \$700 Family			Same as elem, jr. high & sr. high	Free	Grant less admin fee	Eligible - Free Ineligible \$38/month			

\* Under review

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## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

	2004-2005 Actual Revenue	2005-2006 Projected Revenue	Explanation of Increased Revenue/Expenditure
Bus Pass Revenue	\$5,857,569.00	\$6,940,040.00	Free Kindergarten, \$5 Increase Regular & Alternative, \$6 Increase Transit
Alberta Education Transportation Funding	\$16,690,590.00	\$17,415,000.00	3% Increase in Provincial Funding. Enrolment reduction 223 students.
Additional Amount after final student count	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Relative cost of purchasing goods and services		\$0.00	
	\$22,548,159.00	\$24,355,040.00	
TOTAL	\$22,548,159.00	\$24,355,040.00	
	<b>2004-2005 Actual Expenditure</b>	<b>2005-2006 Budget</b>	
Salaries & Benefits	\$623,000.00	\$683,350.00	Increase due to negotiated contract & annual increments
Supplies, Equipment, Services			
Fixed Routes	\$5,071,975.00	\$5,080,000.00	5% in Carrier Rates. Reduction of 7 Program of Choice Buses and 6 K Buses
ETS Passes	\$8,050,000.00	\$7,683,100.00	No Increase in Transit Fee
Curb Service	\$8,914,000.00	\$9,370,000.00	2.35% in Carrier Rates. Reduction of 54 Mild SN Curb Service Students
Parent Provided	\$1,123,000.00	\$1,070,000.00	No Increase to Parents. Reduce 21 Students.
Reimbursement to Schools for Administering Bus Passes	\$135,000.00	\$135,000.00	0%
Other S.E.S.	\$78,000.00	\$78,000.00	0%
Internal Services	\$198,000.00	\$198,000.00	0%
	\$24,192,975.00	\$24,291,750.00	
Surplus/Deficit	\$(1,644,816.00)	\$63,290.00	
Carry Forward Surplus (Deficit)	\$481,710.00	\$(1,163,106.00)	
Accumulated Debt	\$(1,163,106.00)	\$(1,099,816.00)	

## SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

	2005 - 2006 Total Revenue	2005 - 2006 Total Expenditure
	\$24,355,040.00 (includes additional \$1,082,471.00 pass increased revenue)	\$24,291,750.00
Surplus (Deficit)		\$63,290.00
Carry Forward Deficit		\$(1,163,106.00)
Accumulated Debt		\$(1,099,816.00)

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