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Bus driver shortage a potential issue for BHNCDSB families

Transportation Services across the province are experiencing ongoing school bus driver shortages. Our priorities in dealing with this potential issue is to ensure that our students are safe and that our families have access to timely notification of route cancellations or delays.

Bus companies have told us that they are utilizing experienced, spare drivers to help cover routes, but that a shortage of contract drivers as well as driver absenteeism has begun to present an issue across the City of Brantford and the Counties of Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk.

We want families to understand that there is a mechanism to see if their child(ren)'s transportation is on time, delayed or cancelled. Significant delays can occur as a result of a school bus driver shortage, inclement weather, mechanical breakdowns of buses or unusual traffic patterns.

By subscribing to the Student Transportation Notification automated email service families will be notified via email of a delay or cancellation of their child(ren)'s bus route. By visiting the webpage: https://transinfobhn.ca/Cancellations.aspx families can view all of the district delays and cancellations.

We urge parents to subscribe or check the transportation site daily in order to reduce the chance of their child(ren) waiting at a bus stop unnecessarily. Remember, even if the weather and road conditions are fine there is a chance that your child(ren)'s bus could experiencing a potentially significant delay.

If you have any questions, please contact Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk by emailing transportation@stsbhn.ca or by calling 519-751-7532 | 1-877-226-6353 (toll free)

Sincerely,

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"We understand that the government is working on a 'new vision' for student transportation in the province that involves public input via email. We encourage parents, guardians, staff and community members to participate by emailing: ST.newvision@ontario.ca ."
~ Rick Petrella, Chair of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board