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From: Christine Breshamer on behalf of parc
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 2:57 PM
To: 'T Regehr'
Subject: RE: Forest Glade Accomodation

In response to #1 and #2:

Our past precedent when dealing with boundary adjustments and accommodation reviews has not allowed for what would be considered out of district students to take the bus if the new district has the equivalent program. This is also consistent regardless of the age of the student.

In response to #3:

In the past, surveys sent out have not been accurate when inquiring about such information. However, the results would not impact out of district students on the bus.

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Good Afternoon

My family lives in the isolated boundary area that is being removed from the Forest Glade Public School boundaries. I am so relieved, grateful and appreciative that my 3 children are being grandfathered into the school until graduation. I realize that the bus my kids use to get to school will no longer be available to them starting this coming September. Being a stay-at-home mom this change is only a minor inconvenience to us. However, the families I have spoken with in our neighbourhood are upset about this change and what it will mean for them and their children. Many of them work and rely on the provided transportation to get their kids to and from school every day.

I've come up with a couple of suggestions for your consideration:

- 1) If there is a bus coming into our area to pick up children attending the French Immersion program at Forest Glade Public School, could the English students also use this bus? I know there is a maximum number of kids allowed on a bus, but if there is room for more students, why not let the English students on as well?
- 2) Depending on any unused space on the bus, would it be possible to bus only the English students who attend the PLC? Traffic and parking at the PLC is very busy already and the lack of a Kiss and Ride Program generates more congestion and increases safety concerns. Increasing the number of families who need to drive their children to school may add to an already hectic scene.
- 3) Send home a survey to only the families in the isolated boundary section to see:
 - if families will keep sending their children to Forest Glade Public school, regardless of transportation
 - if families rely heavily on the transportation to get their kids to school everyday

- if families will choose to switch schools if transportation is unavailable
- if families are willing to opt out of transportation so other children in the area can use it
- if families are willing to pay a fee for bussing, and if so, what fee do they find reasonable

Thank you so much for taking time to read this.

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Forest Glade School Parent