

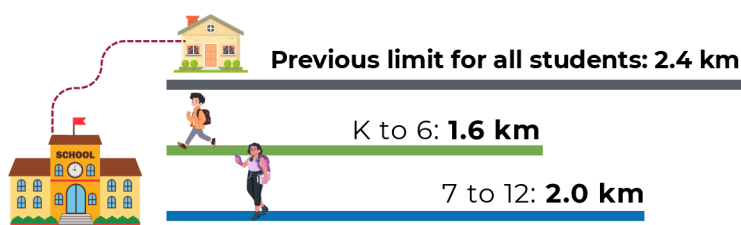
FOOTHILLS SCHOOL DIVISION

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES 2025-2026

The decision to implement a transportation fee for the 2025-2026 school year is based on evidence indicating the funding of operations does not equal the required expenses. We appreciate your understanding while we continue to focus operational dollars on student learning and maintaining safe, welcoming, caring, and respectful learning environments.

WALK LIMIT DECREASE

The new walk limits set by the province means we could have up to 800 new students riding buses. To accommodate these riders without greatly impacting student pick up and drop off times, seven new buses are required.



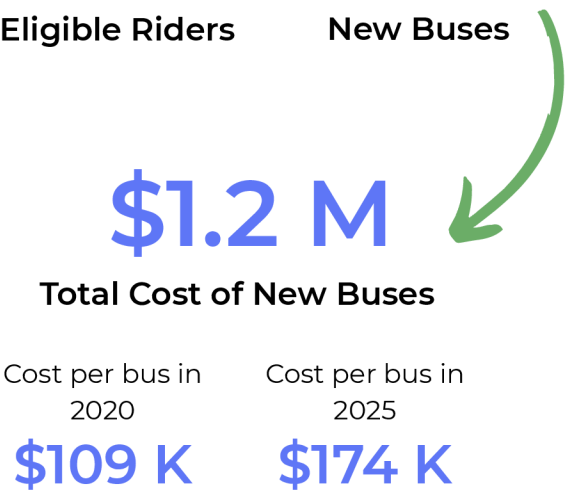
+800
More Eligible Riders

+7
New Buses

BALANCING THE BUDGET

The cost to operate bussing service has increased significantly over the last 5 years. The cost of replacement parts for maintenance and new units greatly impact the bottom line.

In prior years, the Transportation operating deficit has been supplemented by reserve funds. This is no longer sustainable as the funding for Transportation has not matched the increase in required costs.



KEEPING DOLLARS IN CLASSROOMS

The Division is experiencing increases to wages, benefit premiums, equipment, and replacement parts, as well as increases to technology, classroom complexity, and scope of practice. The current base grant funding and increases to the targeted grants do not address the growing need for additional funding in classrooms to support student learning.

The implementation of the transportation fee will enable the limited operational dollars to stay in the classrooms.

FEE IMPLEMENTATION

The annual fee helps to offset operating costs and may also reduce the frequency of empty buses with 'ghost riders'.

A 'ghost rider' is a student who registers for, but doesn't use the bus.

