

Important message regarding school transportation for students in the western sector of the Eastern Townships School Board territory

Dear Parents,

Following the correspondence that you have received last week, we would like to update you regarding the renewal of service contracts with carriers.

Ongoing negotiations

Despite what was announced by the government last Friday, no agreement has been reached with our carriers to date. Intensive negotiations are still underway. We are always confident that we will reach an agreement before the first day of class.

Service disruption possibility

School transportation may not be available at the beginning of the school year for students in the western area, as may be the case for many schools in the province.

Alternative solution

For the parents of the students in the western area, it is therefore necessary to provide for an alternative solution now so that your child can continue to go to class. Despite this possible interruption of services in school transportation, classes and school activities will be maintained and your child should still attend school. You may need to transport your child.

In addition, the schools concerned are also working to put in place solutions to facilitate the arrival of students in the morning, as well as their departure at the end of the day.

For now, there is no accessible information on the portal about your child's transportation. As soon as the situation is resolved, you will be informed of the availability of this information without delay.

In the meantime, rest assured that the Eastern Townships School Board will continue to make every effort to avoid a service interruption and ensure transportation for all our students from the first day of school.

We will continue to keep you informed when relevant information is brought to our attention or if an agreement has been reached.

We thank you for your customary understanding and collaboration.

Michael Murray
Chair of the Eastern Townships School Board

***Schools in the western sector of our territory: Massey-Vanier High School, Butler Elementary School, Farnham Elementary School, Heroes' Memorial Elementary School, Knowlton Academy, Mansonville Elementary School, Parkview Elementary School, Sutton Elementary School and Waterloo Elementary School**