

November 5, 2021

Re: Bus Transportation

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you may be aware, many sectors of the economy are struggling to keep employees presently; the Education sector is no different, unfortunately. At this time, we are advising that Mission Public Schools is critically short on bus drivers; we have had several retire in the last few weeks and thus are very vulnerable to being unable to run our current transportation system.

Most days our Transportation Manager is driving a bus just to keep all our runs operating. Until this situation improves, it is possible that we may have to cancel certain bus runs from time to time as a temporary functional cancellation. Should this occur, you will receive an early morning email to that effect with information on the nature of the delay or cancellation. We understand that this is a potentially upsetting event, creating uncertainty and inconvenience, and we are working to improve this situation.

While we have drivers in training, there is a long delay before they can become active operators, so this situation will continue for some time. We are actively recruiting bus drivers (and other positions) on an ongoing basis. If you know anyone who is interested in this sort of work, either regular or as a casual, please ask them to apply for a rewarding position with us! Please see makeafuture.ca for details on the Casual Bus Driver posting. Please submit a detailed resume outlining qualifications and experience to: HRsupportstaff@mpsd.ca

Should you have any questions about this issue, do not hesitate to contact me at angus.wilson@mpsd.ca to discuss further. Thank you for your attention on this matter. Hopefully these incidents will arise infrequently or not at all.

Sincerely,



Angus Wilson

Superintendent of Schools