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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may be aware, Winnipeg Transit has been working on a new plan to transform bus service in Winnipeg. The plan involves a complete overhaul of the bus route network, the details of which were approved by Winnipeg City Council in June 2024 as the [Primary Transit Network and its feeder routes](#).

The new route network goes into effect on Sunday, June 29, 2025, so it won't affect school travel until September 2025. We're reaching out to ensure you're prepared for this change and aware of how it may impact your child(ren). **Worth noting, there will be no specific school charter service provided under Winnipeg Transit's new plan.** RETSD has met and communicated with transit officials to express our concerns over this change.

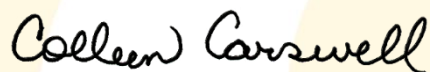
Winnipeg Transit explained that one goal for the new route network was to ensure regular service is provided where middle and senior years students need it to be, eliminating the need to supplement with specific school charters. Further, it was shared that most middle and senior years students will be able to get to school by taking one or two buses. Students previously provided with a specific school charter will be able to get to school on the new network with no more than one transfer.

We appreciate that this change will require families to do additional planning for the 2025–26 school year. It's our hope that advance notice of this change allows the necessary time for families to explore new bus routes for their child(ren) and ask any questions directly to Winnipeg Transit by calling 311.

Maps of the entire new route network, as well as individual route maps, can be found at the link provided above.

Thank you for your attention to this important update. Once again, we encourage you to contact Winnipeg Transit directly at 311 with any inquiries regarding the new route network.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Board of Trustees



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Superintendent/CEO