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Good afternoon,

We just received notification that our [REDACTED] son who currently rides the bus to and from Pre-Primary at Maple Ridge Elementary in Lantz will no longer qualify and is required to "Walk" to and from school daily. We live at [REDACTED]

Starting in September there will be 6 children on our street alone between the ages of 4-6 needing transportation & deserve to have assigned seats as any other child attending Maple Ridge.

There are quite a few issues & concerns that I'm not sure have been thoroughly thought through. As a Parent, I can understand the issue you have with securing enough Staff to drive your buses (as our children have been affected numerous times this year) but this decision isn't the right one. Children will have to navigate roads that are already not safe and with the absence of sidewalks in many spots.

One particular area is the new Round about in front of Shaw Brick with an approaching Speed Limit of 70 km/hr that is seldomly adhered to. The Teachers and Supervisors along with Parents already have serious concerns with this Change..a change that you decided without appropriate consultation/discussion with those involved. Our Children deserve better. You will be putting our Children in potentially dangerous situation's as there have been a huge amount of accidents around that area already. The time alone that it would take a 4/5 year old to walk that route twice daily would be exhausting for them as well .

We have also been told that drops off's for September will now only be allowed at the back of the school....which leaves ou [REDACTED] Son having to walk 1.7 km to and from school . This is .1 km OVER your new limit . He and the other Primary aged children on [REDACTED] deserve to qualify for a seat on the bus like any other Primary aged child who attend Maple Ridge Elementary.

I suspect you will receive an enormous amount of emails in response to what appears to be your "haphazard " decision and we hope

you won't make our Children responsible for your lack of manpower as a Transportation Department .

I look forward to hearing from you

Terri Lynn Barry

Parent

Sent from my iPhone

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