



January 27, 2026

Karyn Cooling
Regional Executive Director of Education
Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education
60 Lorne Street, Truro,
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Dear Ms. Cooling,

As per council motion C25(253), approved in the July 2025 meeting of council, the Municipality of East Hants requests the Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education (CCRCE) review their programming on how to get children to school safely, specifically related to school bus routing and bus stop planning.

East Hants residents have voiced concerns on how students can access designated bus stops safely, with a prime example being, many in rural areas needing to walk along busy roads, with minimal shoulder width for pedestrian use to access bus stops. This becomes more challenging in the winter with road shoulders that may exist being leveraged for piling snow, forcing students onto the vehicle travel way surface of the road. It is requested that regional benchmarks on programming be explored, such as those used in Newfoundland and Labrador, to seek out areas for improvement to the student experience and overall safety.

Your consideration on this matter would be appreciated and the Municipality of East Hants looks forward to working with your team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jesse Hulsman".

Jesse Hulsman, P.Eng
Director of Infrastructure & Operations
Municipality of East Hants

e: Honorable John A. MacDonald, Minister of Municipal Affairs and MLA for Hants East