



## INFORMATION BULLETIN

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### **SD62 Board of Education Seeks Feedback on Student Transportation**

**LANGFORD, BC** – The SD62 Board of Education is seeking public input on 2 proposed changes to the [Sooke School District Transportation School Board Policy and Regulation F-100](#). All members of the Sooke School District community are encouraged to review the draft documents and provide input.

The first recommended change is that student transportation will only accommodate those who live within their school's catchment area. Currently, student transportation is offered to in-catchment students as well as those living out-of-catchment but attending an academy or other program of their choice with the remaining out of catchment students being accommodated when space is available. The second proposed change is the ability for the Board to consider ridership fees during the annual budget process. The only fee currently collected is a \$25.00 safety fee per student rider.

The Sooke School District has opted to offer student transportation and will continue to do so, however, it is important to note that the School Act does not require school districts to provide school bus transportation services. Therefore, it is the responsibility of each family to determine the best transportation option to and from school to meet their needs.

The draft policy and regulation will be considered for adoption at the Board meeting on April 26, 2022. The feedback period remains open until April 4, 2022. The current and draft policy and regulation and feedback tool can be found on the [Sooke School District website](#).

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