



January 18, 2023

To all YK1, YCS, & CSFTNO families:

Re: Recent cancellations of student bus routes

Yellowknife Education District No. 1 (YK1), Yellowknife Catholic Schools (YCS), and Commission scolaire francophone des Territoires du Nord-Ouest (CSFTNO) understand that recent disruptions to student busing services in Yellowknife are impacting many of our families.

First Transit, the company that provides busing services for Yellowknife school boards, is facing significant workforce challenges not unlike other industries in the Northwest Territories and nationally. Three of their routes - Routes 9, 10, and 12 - have been cancelled until further notice in recent weeks due to labour shortages.

All three school boards and First Transit have made this issue their priority and will continue to work collaboratively until a solution is found. All parties have met on multiple occasions to discuss potential options, including those put forward by parents and community members. All possible options are being investigated to accommodate families during this disruption.

We recognize that this is an urgent situation that requires our immediate attention. YK1, YCS, and CSFTNO will continue to work diligently and collaboratively with First Transit until short-term and long-term solutions are found, and we will inform you of those solutions as soon as possible.

If you or someone you know may be interested in becoming a school bus driver, please call First Transit at **(867) 873-4693** or email them at **yellowknife@firstgroup.com**. You may also contact your individual school board.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely,

Yellowknife Education District No. 1
Yellowknife Catholic Schools
Commission scolaire francophone des Territoires du Nord-Ouest