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To all Yellowknife Education District No. 1 (YK1) families:

Re: Student bus route cancellations

YK1 understands that continued 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, continues to face workforce challenges.

As of March 10, 2023:

- **Routes 10 and 12 are cancelled until further notice**
- **Route 7 is running afternoons only from February 20 to March 10, 2023**
- **Route 9 is back in service and has been merged with Route 13**

First Transit was recently bought out by a Quebec-based group called Transdev. YK1, Yellowknife Catholic Schools, and la Commission scolaire francophone des Territoires du Nord-Ouest have already made contact with the new owners as all parties continue to advocate for solutions.

Meanwhile, a letter has been sent to the Honourable R.J. Simpson, Minister of Education, Culture, and Employment, asking if after-school programs can temporarily take on more students to help families affected by these disruptions.

YK1 will continue to review its current contract with First Transit to determine how all parties can help recruit and retain more bus drivers. We are committed to working together until short-term and long-term solutions are found.

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**.

Thank you,

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