

## Re: Bus Driver Shortage for GPCSD Rural & Urban Routes

To Whom It May Concern:

Grande Prairie & District Catholic Schools has received notice from our Bussing Contractor (First Student) that due to a bus driver shortage, the following route changes will occur in the short term. First Student operates 68 routes for GPCSD in the rural and urban areas, of which approximately 12 routes have been modified temporarily, and one route is cancelled. First Student is bringing in drivers from Vancouver to assist in the short term.

All urban routes will run as planned.

All rural families will be contacted by their bus driver to explain the change, if any, to their route. Rural routes with a significant change are as follows:

- Route #208 (Bezanson) will be doubled with #202 in the AM (some families will need to meet the bus in the morning). In the PM, these students will take Route #209 and transfer to #145, and will be dropped off at home.
- Route #213 (Sexsmith) will be picked up in Sexsmith by #506 in the AM and transfer onto #224 to go to JPII transfer. In the PM students will be taken home by #224, no transfer back to #506 will be required.
- Route #217 (Spirit River) is cancelled temporarily. Parents can meet bus #219 in Rycroft and it will transport students to Ste. Marie, and vice versa in the PM.

The School District is actively assisting the Bussing Contractor in recruiting Bus Drivers by placing their Ads on our District Web site and at all schools. If you know of anyone interested, including yourself or a family member, please contact First Student at (780) 532-3545.

Thank you for your understanding and patience regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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Grande Prairie & District Catholic Schools