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## HIGH PRAIRIE SCHOOL DIVISION Office of the Superintendent

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Dear High Prairie School Division Families,

High Prairie School Division (HPSD) is committed to providing safe and reliable student transportation services. As we prepare for the 2026/2027 school year, we are pleased to inform you of a new fee-for-service option approved by the HPSD Board of Trustees in May 2026 that may benefit families with alternate drop-off needs.

### **Alternate Drop-Off Address – Fee for Service**

Eligible students who are funded for transportation may request one (1) alternate drop-off address for a fee of \$350.00 per school year. This option is designed to provide families with added flexibility while maintaining the efficiency and integrity of HPSD's transportation network.

### **Eligibility and Conditions**

To qualify for an alternate drop-off address, the following conditions must be met:

- Your child must be an eligible, funded transportation student.
- The alternate address must be located on an existing bus route.
- Approval is subject to available space on the bus. This service cannot be guaranteed if the route is at capacity.
- The alternate drop-off address must be ***consistent and permanent*** for the school year. This option is not intended to accommodate day-to-day or week-to-week changes in drop-off location. Families requiring variable arrangements are encouraged to make independent transportation plans on those days.

### **How to Apply**

Families wishing to request an alternate drop-off address for the 2026/2027 school year should contact their child's school or the HPSD Transportation Department in mid August. Requests will be reviewed to confirm eligibility and route availability. The \$350.00 fee is due upon approval of the request. Please submit your request as early as possible, as approvals are granted on a first-come, first-served basis depending on route capacity.

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## Important Reminders

- Only one (1) alternate drop-off address may be registered per eligible student.
- The alternate address applies to drop-off only and must comply with all standard HPSD transportation policies.
- HPSD reserves the right to withdraw approval if the alternate address creates operational challenges or if route capacity changes.
- The fee is non-refundable once service has commenced.

## Important Notice: Ineligible Riders – 2026/2027 School Year

In accordance with Alberta Education guidelines, student transportation funding is provided only to students who live beyond the minimum distance from their designated school. The eligibility thresholds (as measured by Alberta Education approved Transportation Software) are as follows:

- Kindergarten to Grade 6: minimum 1.6 km from the designated school
- Grades 7 to 12: minimum 2.0 km from the designated school

During the 2025/2026 school year, HPSD accommodated students living a minimum of 1.0 km from their designated school on a fee-for-service basis. We are grateful for the flexibility families showed during that period.

**Effective September 2026, HPSD will no longer be offering fee-for-service busing to ineligible riders.** Only students who meet Alberta Education's distance eligibility requirements will be registered for bus transportation in the 2026/2027 school year.

We encourage families who will be affected by this change to begin making alternate transportation arrangements as soon as possible. If you are unsure whether your child qualifies for funded transportation, please contact your child's school or the HPSD Transportation Department, and we will be happy to confirm your child's eligibility based on their home address.

We hope this option provides added convenience for families who have consistent alternate care arrangements. If you have any questions about this service or your child's transportation eligibility, please do not hesitate to contact the HPSD Transportation Department or your child's school.

Thank you for your continued support of High Prairie School Division. We look forward to a wonderful 2026/2027 school year.

Sincerely,



**Mr. Murray J. Marran**  
Superintendent  
High Prairie School Division