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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are sending this letter to all families with elementary students.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about a proposed change to the Board's Student Transportation Policy, which will affect busing eligibility distances for Grade 1 to Grade 3 students beginning September 2018, and to provide you an opportunity to give us feedback before the draft policy is considered for approval.

Currently, the Board provides transportation for kindergarten through to Grade 3 students if their primary residence is more than 1 km from school. Our revised Student Transportation Policy recommends changing that eligibility distance from 1 km to 1.6 km for Grade 1 to 3 students. The eligibility distance for kindergarten students is and will remain 1 km. The eligibility distance for Grade 4 to 8 students is and will remain 1.6 km.

The change would align our student transportation practices with the practices of our neighbouring school boards with which we share busing services.

The Board's Draft Directional Policy #1300 Student Transportation is currently in the public review stage. You can review the policy in its entirety and provide the Board with feedback at this link: <https://goo.gl/ZNQPXq> (or visit www.pvnccdsb.on.ca and click on Policies and Procedures under the Our Board tab).

The draft policy will remain open to public input for the next four weeks before returning to the Board of Trustees meeting on Dec. 19, 2017 to be considered for approval.

Sincerely

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