

February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Anglophone South School District  
490 Woodward Avenue  
Saint John, N.B. E2K 5N3

Dear ASD-S District Education Council:

The Inglewood PSSC would like to relay our support for the ASD-S District Education Council's review of providing bus service to students within the 750m – 1.5km distance range. Inglewood School has 20% of our student population that falls within this threshold. This initiative, if approved, would ensure safe transportation service for these students.

Previously, a number of these students received 'courtesy' bussing service. This year due to enhanced COVID19 safety protocol requirements, this was simply not feasible. As a result, we are seeing unintended consequences of this change. Parents have observed students that now walk using non-designated crossing paths to cross train tracks, children are crossing the busy Provincial Route 177 in areas without crosswalks, and students are walking on roadways due to unplowed roadsides/sidewalks.

The increase in students no longer qualifying for bus service this year has also increased traffic, both pedestrian and automobile, at morning drop off and afternoon pickup at the school. This is putting additional stress on an area already flagged for safety concerns pre-pandemic. As an example, on the morning of January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, RCMP services were required to help direct traffic flow on School Street, as a result of a narrower street due to both snow banks and a car parked along the side of the road.

Once again thank you for taking a leadership role to complete this review and advocate for the safety of students. We appreciate your hard work on this initiative.

Best Regards,  
Amanda Hamm

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Chair - Parent School Support Committee  
Inglewood School