Hello Families of ASD-W,

This week, it is my intention to send one email per day with updates regarding the return to school for our ASD-W students.  I hope you will find the updates useful.  Please remember that the documents titled "Return to School:  Guide for Parents and the Public" and "Return to School:  Direction for School Districts and Schools" offer a wealth of information as you prepare for your child's return to school.  These documents can be found on our website (asd-w.nbed.nb.ca) by clicking on the "COVID-19 Coronavirus Information" tab and then the "Communications:  Memos and Messages" tab.  Each of these email messages will also be posted to this same location.

The first message for this week comes from our Transportation Manager, Daniel Wishart.  The transportation team has been working very hard at getting ready for the new school year and making schedule and route adjustments, taking into account new parameters for riding the bus.  These parameters are for the protection of your children.  The email address asdw.ptms@nbed.nb.ca will connect you to a member of the transportation team if you have questions.

Please see the message below.

Sincerely,

David McTimoney, Superintendent

**Anglophone West School District Transportation Department’s past practice has been to allow students to travel to and from multiple locations on a school bus.  We have historically been able to provide this service because our school buses could transport up to 70 students.**

**However, under the current guidelines of operating a school bus during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to greatly reduce the student capacity on our school buses.  Starting in September 2020, we will not be able to transport more than 48 students (for middle and high school students) and much fewer than 48 when transporting Kindergarten to Grade 5 students on any of our school buses.**

**Although our requirements under Regulation 2001-51 are to transport students to and from home, we understand that for many families, alternate pick-up and drop-off locations are necessary.**

**Considering this, we are asking families to select only one pick-up and drop-off location for the 2020-21 school year.  Should the pick-up or drop-off location need to change, we require 5 school days’ notice.**

**It is our utmost intent to ensure that we best serve the families of our school district and we will try accommodating as many requests as possible.**

**We ask that if you require a pick-up or drop-off location other than your residence, please email us at** **asdw.ptms@nbed.nb.ca****or call 1-506-325-4582 to advise.  We will require the student’s name, address, grade, school, and alternate address location (pick-up or drop-off) to accept any requests.  We appreciate your support with this initiative.**

***Sincerely, Daniel Wishart - Transportation Manager***