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Subject: Coles Island School Study - E-mail from Sustainability Website

Good morning Everyone,

As requested below from the ASD-W Sustainability Website, please see the following e-mail from Jeremy Beam, Coles Island School Community Member. Thank you!

Carol

From: Jeremy Beam [<mailto:jeremybeam@xplornet.ca>]
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 12:55 PM
To: (ASD-W) Sustainability Contact
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Subject: Coles Island School study

Here is some quick info I am circulating as a result of the sustainability study at Coles Island School. Please forward this email to the DEC members of Anglophone West School District in it's entirety, along with my appreciation for their time, their consideration of new and old facts and their forward thinking. I've tried to keep this quick, email me with any questions. I look forward to every response. Thank you. Sincerely, Jeremy Beam

Coles Island School

Transportation

---Safety---

(The first 3 photos were taken recently on highway 10.)

-Little bones break easier than big bones. (4-10 year olds will suffer the most serious injuries in the event of an accident when bumping around with 11-18 year olds.) (Many elementary students have not outgrown the child restraint requirements set out by the DOT which is based on their weight and size. Weight and size should also be factored in with bus transportation.)

-Accidents happen. There are more fatalities at highway speeds than back road speeds.

-Longer travel distances on faster roads increase the chances of high impact accidents leading to serious injury or death.

-Bus drivers reaction times are in direct correlation to their attention to the road. It is very plausible to assume distractions happen while school buses are in transit. Posted maximum speed limits therefore should not be used to calculate how long it takes to travel to and from schools. Present travel time averages should be adjusted to compensate for more stops, for increased distraction, and other issues arising from carrying more passengers from all grades levels.

Items that increase the risk of an accident:

- Duration of travel time to school
- Speed of travel
- Surface maintenance (plowing deicing)
- Conditions of road (narrow lanes, dropped shoulders, turns, pot holes, etc)
- Volume and "mass & velocity" of traffic the bus shares the road with. (Trucking is about to increase with the Irving mill expansion.)

Safety Suggestions:

- Keep the little K-5 students at their local Coles Island School.
- Reduced maximum speed limits for school buses.
- Teachers could encourage bus work instead of home work. (thus quieting the bus.)
- Bus seats could be facing backwards instead of forwards.
- Data collected from GPS's mounted on buses should be available to the public.

----Inconvenience of schooling in other communities-----

- Parents are concerned with having to travel up to 45 minutes one direction to get their children in the event of sickness, doctors appointment, personal reasons, etc.
- Parents will not be able to regularly volunteer at their children's school or participate in every child lead function.
- K-5 students are more vulnerable than older grade students in various ways and really need to be schooled close to their moms.

Coles Island School is "small but necessary" and with some changes it can be "small and efficient".





← BUS COULD SWERVE



