



**ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC**  
**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
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## **REPORT**

**SUBJECT:** **HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW  
TRANSPORTATION IMPLICATIONS**

**SUBMITTED TO:** **HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL  
ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**DATE OF MEETING:** **SEPTEMBER 26, 2002**

**PREPARED BY:** **KEVIN FITZPATRICK  
Manager of Transportation**

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**BACKGROUND**

Situated at 715 London Street, Wyoming, Holy Rosary School services an area of 282 square kilometers in Lambton County. Currently four buses serve Holy Rosary School providing transportation for 60 eligible students. Several students not eligible for the bus under the Board's transportation policy take advantage of empty or "courtesy seats". Holy Rosary has a unique partnership with John Knox School. Students from both schools share the buses, helping to reduce the cost of transportation. Having an average ride time of twenty-six minutes, students utilizing this service experience a ride time just under the district average of 33 minutes. Buses are operated by Wyoming Bus Lines of Wyoming.

**POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

The provision of transportation to students within the region is governed by the following policies:

The Education Act permits the Board to provide transportation but does not obligate it to do so.

1. Only students qualified to be admitted in a school operated by the Board may be eligible for transportation service under the following provisions:
  - a. Students in Junior Kindergarten or Senior Kindergarten who reside greater than 800 meters from the school will be eligible for transportation.
  - b. Students in Grade one or Grade two who reside greater than 1000 meters from the school will be eligible for transportation.
  - c. Students in Grade three through Grade eight who reside greater than 1600 meters from the school will be eligible for transportation.

**2. Distance Calculations**

- a. The distances stated in the Distance Eligibility Criteria shall be used to determine eligibility. The distances measured will be the shortest safe walking route along road or walkway from school property to home property.
- b. The Transportation Department, using transportation software with the appropriate municipal map, will make all measurements for transportation purposes.

**3. Eligibility Other Than Distance**

At the discretion of the Transportation Department, transportation may be provided for a period of up to one school year under the following circumstances:

- a. The walking route is deemed to be unusually hazardous by the Transportation Department.

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- b. The provision of transportation shall be provided to a student for a physical disability upon completion of a medical certificate.

These exceptions would be reviewed annually.

**CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

**1. Riding Time**

- a. Other than in exceptional circumstances, students in elementary school will not spend more than 60 minutes on the bus, one way, each day.
- b. Other than in exceptional circumstances, students in Secondary School will not spend more than 75 minutes on the bus, one way, each day.

**2. Distance to Bus Stops - Urban** (as defined by the Transportation Department)

- . In urban areas students in Elementary School (excluding students in the French Immersion program), shall not be required to walk more than 800 meters to the bus stop from the nearest point of access of their property.
  - a. In urban areas students in Secondary School (excluding students in the French Immersion program), shall not be required to walk more than 1600 meters to the bus stop from the nearest point of access of their property.
  - b. French Immersion students in Grades Junior Kindergarten - Graduation may be picked up and dropped off at centrally located bus stops as designated by the Transportation Department.

**3. Distance to Bus Stops - Rural**

- . In rural areas, where possible, students shall not be required to walk more than 800 meters from the resident gate to a designated bus stop.
  - a. Where houses are grouped in rural areas, students will be requested to utilize community stops, which will be determined by the Route Technician.
  - b. In rural areas, every attempt will be made to ensure that Junior Kindergarten through Grade 1 students are picked up and dropped off as close to their home laneway as safety will allow.

**4. Stop Location**

Bus stop locations shall be a minimum of 300 meters apart, and should allow a minimum of 150 meters of clear vision in both directions. Bus stops should not be located on a steep grade, brow of a hill or a blind curve. All stop locations are subject to conditions under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act.

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**5. Loading Guidelines**

- . Bus loading guidelines shall be as follows whenever possible:
  - o Grades K-6 - Manufactured rated capacity
  - o Grades 7-Graduation - Manufactured rated capacity less 33%

Standing or sitting in stairwells will not be permitted under any circumstance.

**PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION**

Students currently attending Holy Rosary would be directed to St. Michael School, Brights Grove and St. Philip School, Petrolia. All students would be bused due to distance.

Students north of Highway 402 would be directed to St. Michael. These students would ride on existing runs currently operating for St. Michael. Although additional distance would be added to these routes, ride time for these students would average 41 minutes ranging from 25 minutes to 57 minutes. Current average ride time for this group of students is 48 minutes.

Students south of Highway 402 would be directed to St. Philip. Three additional runs would be required. Ride time for these students would average 20 minutes ranging from 11 minutes to 51 minutes. Current average ride time for this group of students is 24 minutes.

School bus stops have been placed at strategic locations but are subject to change through parental consultations.

Transportation costs are based on current rates under contract with local operators.

Present Cost of Transportation	\$62,789.36
Projected Cost	\$117,289.43
Additional Cost of Transportation	<b>\$54,500.07</b>

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**St. Michael (Bright's Grove)**

Opening Bell: **8:10:00**    Closing Bell: **2:35:00**

**Run 1 - Pink**

Number of Students: 2 (presently enrolled in Holy Rosary)			
Stop	Pick-up Time		Time at School
5	7:25:00	4175 EGREMONT RD	8:00:00

**Run 2 - Yellow**

Number of Students: 3 (presently enrolled in Holy Rosary)			
Stop	Pick-up Time		Time at School
1	7:03:00	5295 EGREMONT RD	8:00:00
2	7:06:00	5086 MICHIGAN LINE	8:00:00
3	7:09:00	4425 MICHIGAN LINE	8:00:00

**Run not shown**

Number of Students: 2 (presently enrolled in Holy Rosary)			
Stop	Pick-up Time		Time at School
	7:35:00	STONEY CREEK DR , BRIGHT'S & RIVERGATE CRT ,BRIGHT'S	8:00:00

**St. Philip School**

Opening Bell: **9:05:00**    Closing Bell: **3:30:00**

**Run 3 - Orange**

Number of Students: 16 (presently enrolled in Holy Rosary)			
Stop	Pick-up Time		Time at School
1	8:09:00	6149 OIL HERITAGE RD	8:55:00
2	8:18:00	5742 OIL HERITAGE RD	8:55:00
3	8:20:00	4351 LONDON LINE	8:55:00
4	8:21:00	4186 LONDON LINE	8:55:00
5	8:25:00	3635 LONDON LINE	8:55:00
6	8:26:00	3527 LONDON LINE	8:55:00
7	8:29:00	5813 FAIRWEATHER RD	8:55:00
8	8:31:00	3073 LONDON LINE	8:55:00
9	8:32:00	5804 MANDAUMIN RD	8:55:00
9	8:35:00	5340 MANDAUMIN RD	8:55:00
11	8:42:00	3287 CONFEDERATION LINE	8:55:00

**Run 4 - Green**

Number of Students: 37 (presently enrolled in Holy Rosary)			
Stop	Pick-up Time		Time at School
1	8:04:00	4612 LONDON LINE	8:55:00
2	8:05:00	5793 MINIELLY RD ,PLYMPTON	8:55:00
3	8:13:00	5214 LONDON LINE	8:55:00
4	8:15:00	5279 LONDON LINE	8:55:00
5	8:19:00	5669 LONDON LINE	8:55:00
6	8:20:00	5727 LONDON LINE	8:55:00
7	8:26:00	5995 CONFEDERATION LINE	8:55:00
8	8:30:00	5377 STEWARDSON RD ,PLYMPTON	8:55:00
9	8:31:00	5620 CONFEDERATION LINE	8:55:00
10	8:35:00	5004 CONFEDERATION LINE	8:55:00
11	8:38:00	BROADWAY ST , WYOMING & CONFEDERATION LINE	8:55:00
12	8:41:00	4041 CONFEDERATION LINE	8:55:00

**Run 5 - Blue**

Number of Students: 46 (presently enrolled in Holy Rosary)			
Stop	Pick-up Time		Time at School
1	8:40:00	BROADWAY ST , WYOMING & NIAGARA ST ,WYOMING	8:55:00
2	8:40:00	BROADWAY ST , WYOMING & SARNIA ST ,WYOMING	8:55:00
3	8:41:00	BROADWAY ST , WYOMING & ISABELLA ST ,WYOMING	8:55:00
4	8:44:00	4256 CHURCHILL LINE	8:55:00

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## Proposed Bus Stop Locations

