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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Division was advised that the Labour Board ordered that the provisions of the collective agreement with UFCW be settled by binding arbitration. The Labour Board also ordered that UFCW immediately terminate the strike. The Division will negotiate with the bargaining agent respecting a return to work date.

This letter outlines the Division's process that will be followed in order to meet Provincial Public Health Orders before transportation services resume.

Under the following Provincial Risk Levels:

Provincial Level Green Limited Risk

Student Transportation Services may operate at normal capacity with enhanced sanitization and other measures as advised by public health.

WSD will transport students who qualify for bussing in accordance with the Public Schools Act.

Provincial Level Yellow Caution

Student Transportation Services will operate with reduced capacity (one child per seat unless from same household or same in-school cohort). Masks are required for all students and drivers. Parents and caregivers are strongly encouraged to transport students if they are able to minimize the number of students riding on the bus.

To ensure safety and adherence to the Public Health Orders, WSD is not able to provide transportation services for Grade 5/6 students, including non-eligible and fee for service students.

Provincial Level Orange Restricted (Current Provincial Public Health Order for School Divisions)

As per Level Yellow, however if at a later date further restrictions are in place following direction from Public Health, capacity may be reduced further and only the most vulnerable students will be transported.

If WSD is unable to transport a child under Level Yellow or Level Orange, who under normal circumstances would qualify for transportation we will provide compensation to parents/guardians at the rate of \$29 per month per child if you are able to assist in transporting your child(ren) to school. In addition, WSD will provide options such as Before and After School care, Winnipeg Transit Peggo passes and support remote learning.

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Provincial Level Red Critical

Student Transportation Services may transport children of critical services workers who do not have other means of transportation (e.g., those with mobility issues) provided two metres of physical distancing between passengers is maintained on the bus.

Further information on specific route information will be sent to Parents/Guardians once we have a confirmed date for the continuation of Student Transportation Services.

Please contact your school Principal should you require additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. Basra".

Mr. Navinder Basra
Director of Finance & Assistant Secretary-Treasurer