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To: Parents/Guardians of students in Prince George Catholic Schools

Re: Busing

As some of you may recall, last year a committee was formed to conduct a busing service review. The committee was made up of school leadership and parents. Part of the work included the circulation of a letter and survey to get a better understanding of the importance of bus service for students attending Prince George Catholic Schools. The schools have been grappling with the increasing cost of the service combined with a declining trend in ridership. Even with recent increases in fees, our three Catholic Schools in Prince George share in an annual loss of \$128,554 or approximately \$42,000 per school per year.

Over the past many years, we have tried to increase ridership, partner with local districts, and have reduced from 5 bus runs to 3. Costs of the service remain an issue. This gap between cost and revenue is projected to widen year by year. Upon careful discernment, it is our shared **decision to cease offering bus service to families effective Sept 1, 2020**. Busing will continue for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

We recognize that this may create a challenge for some families and truly regret having to make this decision. The school councils would like to support families through this change. If there are suggestions to ease the impact, we'd welcome the feedback. **If you have further questions, please contact your School Council Chairperson.**

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