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Halton school bus operators anticipating shortage of school bus drivers in Oakville and Burlington

Bus driver shortage may cause delays, interested individuals encouraged to apply

Halton Student Transportation Services (HSTS) advises that a shortage of school bus drivers may impact school bus operations in the Burlington and Oakville areas this September. The shortage could negatively impact some schools due to bus delays. At this time, bus operators in Milton and Halton Hills do not anticipate a bus driver shortage.

Halton Student Transportation Services and its member school boards, the Halton District School Board and the Halton Catholic District School Board, are working with the local bus companies to try to minimize the impact on students. Parents are encouraged to sign up for delays and cancellation notifications on the HSTS website (www.haltonbus.ca) before school starts. School bus delays will be posted on the HSTS website starting the first day of school, Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

Halton Student Transportation Services appreciates the important work bus drivers provide for the school community by getting students safely to school each day.

“We are grateful for the service the school bus drivers provide to the students in Halton” says Karen Lacroix, General Manager of Halton Student Transportation Services.

“We are aware the impact that any potential driver shortage could have on families and we appreciate everyone’s patience and understanding as the local bus operators work through this challenging time period,” adds Lacroix.

Bus companies are focusing their recruitment efforts with advertisements in various newspapers, radio, TV and through employment open houses. HSTS has been assisting in this effort by advertising jobs on the HSTS website and through the Halton school boards’ Twitter feeds (@HaltonDSB and @HCDSB). Together HSTS and the Halton school boards are promoting school bus driver employment opportunities to parents/guardians and the community.

It is anticipated the bus driver shortage will predominantly impact the Oakville area and to a lesser extent, the Burlington area. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact the following bus companies about job requirements:

- First Student Canada, Burlington and Oakville - 905-335-7010
- Attridge Transportation Inc. - 905-333-4047

HSTS is a transportation consortium providing home to school transportation services to students of the Halton District School Board and the Halton Catholic District School Board.

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