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## Halton Student Transportation Services experiencing shortage of school bus drivers

Bus driver shortage causing delays, interested individuals encouraged to apply

<u>Halton Student Transportation Services</u> (HSTS) advises that a shortage of school bus drivers is impacting school bus operations in Halton Region, like many school boards in Ontario. This shortage is causing bus delays at some local schools.

HSTS is working with bus companies to try to minimize the impact on students. Parents/guardians are encouraged to sign up for delay and cancellation notifications on the HSTS website (<a href="https://haltonbus.ca">haltonbus.ca</a>). A list of bus delays is also posted on the HSTS website.

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 fortunate to have more than 400 caring professional school bus drivers in Halton," says David Colley, General Manager of Halton Student Transportation Services. "We hear from our drivers about how school bus driving is a very rewarding and fulfilling part-time career. Thousands of Halton families rely on our school bus drivers to deliver their children to and from school safely. The positive impact they have on our community is truly remarkable."

"We are aware of the impact this driver shortage may have on some families and we appreciate their patience and understanding during this challenging time," adds Colley.

Bus companies are focusing their recruitment efforts with advertisements on radio, TV and social media. HSTS is advertising jobs on the HSTS website.

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The bus driver shortage is currently impacting most parts of the region. **Interested applicants are encouraged to contact the following bus companies about job requirements:** 

Attridge Transportation Inc. - 905-333-4047 Elliott Coach Lines 1-877-237-8287 First Student Canada, Burlington and Oakville - 905-335-7010 First Student (Georgetown) -905-877-2251 Switzer-Carty Transportation - 905-849-2080 Voyago Transportation - 519-787-2200

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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