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**Subject:** RE: CBE Transportation changes - Safety Concern impacting your constituents

Good afternoon Calgary MLAs,

I know there has been a lot of noise and confusion over this issue with CBE and I ask that you be patient. Our chief and myself will be briefing your MLAs TOMORROW MAY 31 on updated messaging and our strategy going forward in relations to Bill 1, bell times and yellow bus to Calgary transit. If you could all just hold still on communicating until tomorrow we would appreciate it and I will make sure you all have the latest notes after our meeting tomorrow.

Thanks again for the hard work you do, I know that this one has been challenging at times for you all.

Thank you,

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Thanks for sending this out Elaine. I think we do need to come up with some general messaging. I didn't see her original email so I never did ask which constituency she was from (but I can send something today). From what I understand, the CBE has been labeling these schools as 'designated' regardless of the specialty, when perhaps they are not. For instance, the designated French Immersion program for Tuscany residents is Branton School. The distance runs about 20 kms depending on where you live and requires 2 buses and a train ride for about an hour both directions. A lot of students entering Branton School in grade 7 are 11 years old. These are the biggest concerns for constituents in Calgary – North West and THEN the increase in bus fees runs second. These constituents will now be paying approximately \$700/year in bus fees.

So - I get a LOT of emails on this issue and would love it if we had something to pass along to these constituents that gave them some kind of explanation for these changes.

Regards,

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Hi CAs,

Was anyone able to attend this meeting and follow up on the issue? I don't know if she is our constituent but thought she should not fall through the cracks. There is a [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (might or might not be her).

Joshua, besides this one, which is I think about Spanish language, I have also had one about French language schools. I am assuming they do not have Bill 1 fees paid because they are chosen schools, not designated schools. But French might be different since it is a Canadian official language. I did some research and understand that Alberta is not officially bilingual but there is something about the Schools Act that implies French language instruction must be provided where certain criteria are met.

Take care,

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Good morning,

I hope you were able to send a representative from each of your respective offices to the information session last night to observe and bring back details on the impact this will be having on your constituents. If you did please confirm and would like if you could share any additional insight on what you can do to support us with our concerns, there were a number of very eloquent and some very passionate parents that spoke out last night that you represent as our MLAs...

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]  
Sent from my iPhone

On May 29, 2017, at 1:58 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Good afternoon,

I know this is short notice and sometimes that can't be helped but I think this is pretty important and hope this finds your attention! I have also left vmails and/or spoken to some of you already.

It is sincere request that either you or someone from your office attend an Information Session being held tonight May 29<sup>th</sup> at Senator Patrick Burns School at 5pm; Several CBE employees and representatives from Calgary Transit Service (CTS) will be in attendance.

This information session is centered around the Transportation change for 2017/18 school year. This change will require many families to send their 10-11 year olds out to take public transit with most having to take a Bus-Train-Bus with two transfer's, in the winter and during morning rush hour heavy commute time. Personally I take the a bus-train to get to work at that time and find myself having to be fairly assertive to get on and off the train...this will be daunting for our 10/11 year olds; plus the added challenge of having to navigate transfers and with potentially tight switch times.

Safety Concern: Imagine a 10 year old not quite 5' squished on a filled Train in order to try and get to school on time, missing her stop because she was 'not loud enough, not assertive enough, ignored, or too scared to push her way forward', now she's missed her stop...she has to figure out what to do, do I get off, when do I get off, what bus can she take or does she get back on the train going in opposite direction (same or different platform), confusion and panic at this young age would make her vulnerable and potentially a target as she tries to figure this out....maybe I'm over-reacting, maybe I'm just being a concerned parent (I'm not a helicopter parent) but this move to public transit at this young age is unacceptable.

Financial Impact: The financial impact will also be high, with a more than double increase from \$330 to \$700 per year per child. Although the financial impact is secondary to the safety concerns and most families would willing pay an increase for yellow buses to keep their kids safe (I would gladly pay the \$1400 this will cost me if I was getting a yellow school bus) it should still not be overlooked. This will be especially financially impacting for families already hit hard over the last couple of years with a lot of Oil & Gas workers still struggling to find work.

I kindly ask that you attend this session tonight not to answer questions, not to be put on the spot, but to see firsthand the frustration and concern from families in your constituencies impacted by this decision. There is much more I could write on this topic but I'd rather you come and hear everyone's voice. I for one will be following up with my representative after the meeting to continue the conversation and ask for help in championing a change to do the right thing for our children.

Thank you,

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