



## PWSD Transportation Facts:

Peace Wapiti Public School Division (PWSD) is a large rural school division.

- PWSD manages 104 school bus routes, one of the largest transportation systems in the province.
- PWSD owns and operates a fleet of 140 school buses, plus passenger buses for extracurricular trips.
- More than 4,100 students receive daily transportation to 29 schools.
- Each day, 104 school bus drivers travel more than 14,225 kms.
- Due to the size of the school division, PWSD must support two Transportation garages, located in Grande Prairie and Spirit River, and 10 satellite fuel stations.
- The cost of buses has gone up. In 2013, a bus cost \$85,000 CDN. In 2016, the cost was \$113,000 CDN.

## PWSD's Rising Transportation Deficit

Due to lack of funding and rising costs, PWSD Transportation has reported deficits since 2013.

Year	Ridership	PWSD Transportation Deficit
2013-2014	3,840	(\$587,737)
2014-2015	4,074	(\$409,767)
2015-2016	4,083	(\$344,560)
2016-2017	4,065	(\$524,896)
2017-2018	4,111	(\$609,073)
<b>Five-Year Total</b>		<b>(\$2,476,033)</b>

## The Rural Transportation Grid:

The Government of Alberta uses an outdated grid to determine transportation funding for rural districts.

- PWSD currently receives \$932 per student.
- To balance the transportation budget, PWSD needs an additional 71 cents per day, per child.

## The Walk Limit

PWSD requested that the current 2.4 km walk limit be reduced to 1.6 km for students living within the boundaries of a town/city. PWSD also requested fully funded transportation for rural students living outside a town/city, no matter the distance from their designated school, to address numerous safety issues in a rural environment. No matter the decision, the Government needs to fully and adequately fund the limit.

## Pick-Up/Drop-Off Times

PWSD requested better service to students to reduce longer ride times and early pick-up times.

In the current 2017-2018 school year:

- Five students are picked up for school before 7:00 a.m.
- 159 students are being picked up before 7:15 a.m. In 2010, only 30 students were picked up this early.
- Of those, 24 are dropped off after 4:45 p.m. – nearly 10 hours later.