



THE UNFOLDING JOURNEY

**PWPSD'S ONGOING FIGHT FOR
EQUITABLE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**



MEET NOLAN

“ Growing up on a farm, I don’t have time to help out on school days. I guess I have kind of gotten used to it, but we do have to get up so early. My early bedtime cuts way down on my homework and family time. I do a lot of sleeping on the bus and also do my homework.

**My school bus picks me up
at 7:05 a.m.
I get home at 4:50 p.m.**”



**RURAL FAMILIES WHO PROVIDE OUR FOOD
CAN'T PAY THE PRICE.**

MEET LEAH

“I’m six! I’m a Grade 1 student at Bonanza School. I get on the bus in the dark and get off in the dark. I don’t get my reading done most nights because we don’t have time. My mom sends breakfast on the bus with me and tells me to take a nap on the way to school.

My school bus picks me up at 6:55 a.m.

I get home at 5:00 p.m.”



Here's a picture of me and my brother, waiting for the bus.

LEAH HAS A 10-HOUR DAY. LONGER THAN MOST ADULTS.

MEET JANE

WATCH



JANE'S STORY



I'm a Grade 6 student at Beaverlodge Elementary. I used to like school, but having to get up so early is changing my attitude. My mom will tell you that I now often say, "I hate school." I leave the house in the dark and don't get home until after dark. I fall asleep on the bus.

My school bus picks me up at 7:00 a.m.
I get home at 5:15 p.m.



**BY GRADUATION, JANE WILL HAVE SPENT
312 DAYS ON A BUS.**

OUR TRANSPORTATION DEFICIT IS IMPACTING THE CLASSROOM

THE GROWING TRANSPORTATION DEFICIT IS
COVERED BY **INSTRUCTIONAL FUNDING**.

NUMBER OF STUDENT RIDERS

2008: 4,135
109 ROUTES

2017: 4,100
103 ROUTES

2018: 4,100
102 ROUTES

2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

\$344,560

2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

\$524,986

2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

\$803,785

INCREASES TO FUEL COSTS

2014
\$1,132,862

2015
\$944,513

2018
\$1,057,894
(Includes Carbon Levy)

**THIS DEFICIT
DATES BACK** **14** **WITH NO END
YEARS IN SIGHT**

**WE NEED
EQUITABLE
TRANSPORTATION
FUNDING**

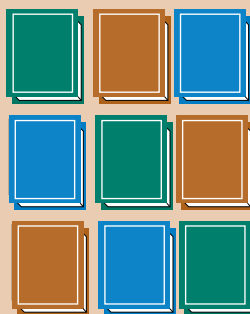
TOTAL 14-YEAR DEFICIT:
\$5,000,000

\$5,000,000 IN LOSSES TO INSTRUCTION EQUATES TO:

PROGRAMMING CUTS

- **7** inclusive education classrooms.
- **13** Knowledge & Employability (K&E) classrooms.
- **15** Junior/Senior High option teachers.
- **10** counsellors, speech pathologists, psychologists and occupational therapists.
- **8** School Community Liaisons and Indigenous Education Liaisons.
- **15** full-time educational assistants.

350,000 LIBRARY & TEXT BOOKS



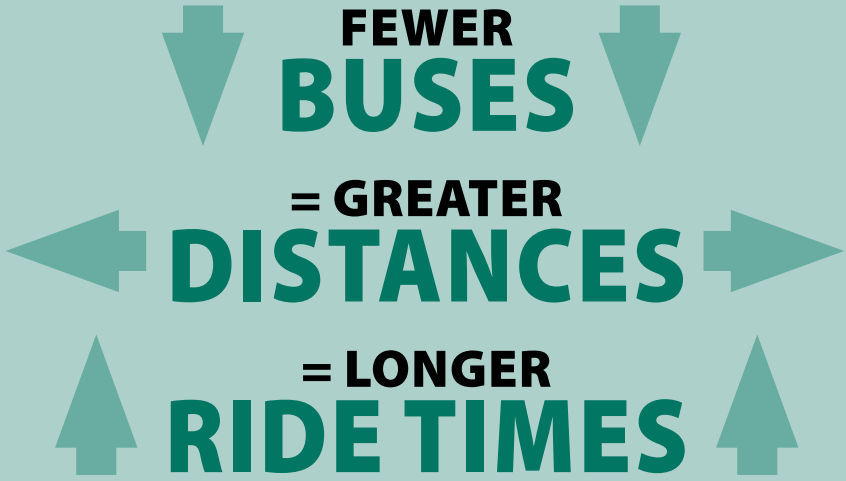
50 TEACHERS



OUR TRANSPORTATION DEFICIT IS

IMPACTING STUDENTS

STUDENTS BEAR THE BURDEN OF
UNDERFUNDED TRANSPORTATION.



OUR STUDENTS EACH NEED A \$200 INCREASE IN FUNDING
TO ELIMINATE THE DEFICIT AND REDUCE RIDE TIMES.

MEET MORE MEMBERS OF OUR 10-HOUR CLUB



Austin, Grade 4, Bonanza



Jeyda, Kindergarten, Ridgevalley



Destan, Grade 2, Grovedale



Layne, Grade 11, Ridgevalley



Addison, Grade 8, Bonanza



Lynden, Grade 5, Ridgevalley



Zander, Grade 4, Grovedale



Wade, Grade 1, Ridgevalley



Cale, Grade 10, Ridgevalley

OUR TRANSPORTATION DEFICIT IS

IMPACTING FAMILIES



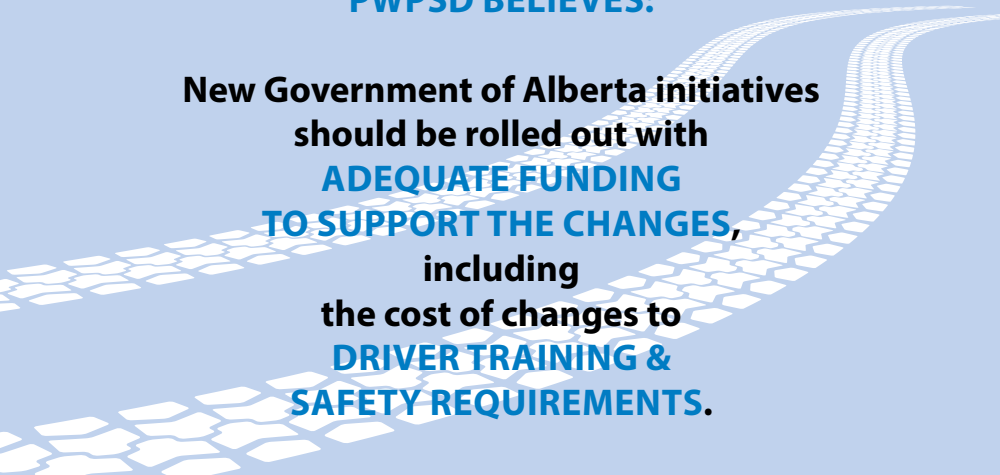
PWPSD
BELIEVES:

Service to
RURAL FAMILIES
should equal that of
**FAMILIES WHO RESIDE
IN OR NEAR
TOWNS & CITIES.**

PWPSD BELIEVES:

Families who live
OUTSIDE THE 2.4 KM WALK LIMIT
should not be responsible for
FUNDING TRANSPORTATION.

PWPSD BELIEVES:



New Government of Alberta initiatives
should be rolled out with
**ADEQUATE FUNDING
TO SUPPORT THE CHANGES,**
including
the cost of changes to
**DRIVER TRAINING &
SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.**

WORKING TOGETHER

SINCE 1995, PWPSD HAS PROVIDED COOPERATIVE BUSING TO OTHER LOCAL BOARDS

Peace Wapiti Public School Division (PWPSD) manages one of the largest transportation systems in the province of Alberta. Due to its vast size, PWPSD must maintain two bus garages. Each day, more than 100 school bus drivers travel in excess of 14,225 kilometres in a total service area of 16,159 square kilometres. More than 4,000 students are transported daily to 29 schools in the three local school districts.

In an effort to prevent duplication of services, PWPSD provides regular busing service to Grande Prairie Catholic School Division students in Beaverlodge, Spirit River, and Sexsmith; and field trip service to Grande Prairie Public School Division – a cooperative relationship that has been in place for decades.



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**PEACE WAPITI PUBLIC
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EDUCATING TODAY FOR SUCCESS TOMORROW