



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

Date: June 2, 2025
TO: Parents/Guardians & Caregivers of Bussing Students
FROM: Jeff Lekstrom, Manager, Transportation Department
SUBJECT: Transportation Software Migration to Traversa

We are writing to inform you of an important change regarding our school bus loading and unloading process for bussing students in SD59.

During the 2024-2025 school year, the Transportation Department migrated to a new application called Traversa.

One of the features of the new software is the ability to use RFID cards to load and unload students from buses. Your student(s) may have already made you aware that we now have tablets on each school bus with an RFID scanner.

In September 2025, students will be issued with an RFID card and carabiner with their name and some information about school bussing policies and procedures in SD59 on the card.

The card will then be used by students to board the bus and unload from the bus by swiping the RFID card reader on each bus. This will assist our drivers in accuracy of information and safety for our students by understanding the riders on the bus, when they loaded and when they left the bus, and improve communication to schools and parents.

For students with diversabilities, we will have a streamlined process with help from the driver and/or an aide on the bus.

What's Changing?

We will be transitioning from a paper-based labor-intensive system to a more paperless system. This will improve service, safety, communication and efficiency for all our students, drivers and Transportation Department administration.

RFID Cards and Use

SD59 will be issuing each student with an RFID card and carabiner that has a retractable feature for ease of use. The carabiner can be securely attached to backpacks, jackets or other personal items that students carry with them to and from school.

Each student will swipe their card to board and unload from the bus.

If the card is lost or forgotten the driver can manually load/unload the students.

Lost or damaged cards will be replaced upon request to the Transportation Department.

As we migrate to the new system, we appreciate your assistance and your feedback.



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Should you have any questions:

1. Please review the April 30th presentation made to the Board found here: [Traversa Implementation Project-Presentation-Apr2025.pdf](#) ; or
2. Direct them to the Transportation Department office at 250- 782 – 2106.

Thank you.

Jeff Lekstrom

Transportation Manager