



School Board Directors Sign a Transportation Consortium Agreement



The District School Board of Niagara and the Niagara Catholic District School Board today signed a joint agreement for the provision of Transportation Services to eligible public and Catholic school students across the Niagara Region.

"Historically, each board has provided bus transportation to their respective students which has resulted in the duplication of some services," Warren Hoshizaki, Director of Education for the District School Board of Niagara. "The consortium gives us a great opportunity to work with our co-terminus board to offer streamlined transportation services. Anticipated savings will help to provide additional programs to enhance student learning."

Planning for moving to single entity services has begun although full implementation of this service will not be in place until September 2008. Each board will continue to plan transportation for their own students independent of the consortium for the September 2007 start of school.

"We are pleased that this consortium will streamline transportation services for students across Niagara. The enhanced service that will be offered through the Consortium will benefit students and families in both boards," said Angelo Di Ianni, Director of Education for the Niagara Catholic District School Board. "As well, we are pleased with the cooperation between both boards in developing plans for the operation of the Consortium."

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