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To: District Administration Centre Manager <DistrictAdministrationCentreManager@sd68.bc.ca> **Subject:** Route 16 bus route- Frank J Ney Elementary

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Good morning,

I am writing this email in hopes it reaches those who will table the discussion of potentially cancelling the bus route for our school- Frank J Ney Elementary.

The cancelation of the bus route, that we are extremely happy about, would be terrible for many reasons. If the reasoning is to just save money, then the transportation board needs to reevaluate what's important. If the reason is because the numbers have dropped, then take a look at what's happening in the world around us and the affects it has had on those in the community. Covid has caused changes in our daily lives, including work and safety for one's self and others. With a lot of parents working from home and the need to keep distance and stay safe, a lot of parents are choosing to drive at this time not because we want to.

Our boys love taking the bus and I fear that if things change for next year, I will be back at work full time and not able to drive them so then what?

This school has been inundated with students and additional families since Rutherford Elementary closed its doors and to keep the parking lot, areas around the school and neighborhood safe, the bus must continue for the 2021/2022 School year.

I truly hope you re-consider and that the children will continue to have a bus to ride as part of their school routine.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I look forward to hearing the outcome.

Natasha Tiwana

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