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Dear parents and legal guardians:

After yesterday's announcement from the Ministry, the DSFM requires your assistance to ensure everyone's safe return to class in September.

In this regard, we have received school transportation guidelines for physical distancing while on the school bus.

Since more than 90% of students in the Division scolaire franco-manitobaine are eligible for school bus transportation, route preparation for September has become a challenge. According to our calculations, a school bus normally transporting 48 students could only transport a maximum of 15 to 25. This could mean that our school buses will have to take on double routes or that our timetables will be modified in order to accommodate everyone. We reassure you that the idea is not to cut school bus transportation but to understand your intentions for the start of the school year.

Today, we are asking you if bus transportation is a necessity or if you are able to transport your child by your own means. It is important to understand that if you advise us that you are able to transport your child by your own means, this indicates that you will do so until the back-to-normal scenario is in place. Your decision will have an impact on the number of seats available on the school bus.

We understand that this is a time out of the ordinary and please know that we are grateful for your support and collaboration.

**Please check one box below** and return your answer to the school principal.

Thank you!



Alain Laberge  
Superintendent

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- I **do not need** school transportation. I will transport my child/children by my own means until the back-to-normal scenario is in place.
- I **will need** school transportation until the back-to-normal scenario is in place.