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## **TRANSPORTATION UPDATES – September, 2021**

Aanii, Parents.

As we prepare to return to school on Tuesday, September 7, we wanted to provide you with some key information.

We are very pleased to announce that Mr. Kelly Welling has been hired as our new school bus driver.

As we are still encountering a shortage of qualified bus drivers, we will need to continue to combine the Wasauksing Kinomaugewgamik and Parry Sound High School bus routes.

We have worked extensively over the summer to develop a workable bus route and seating plan, and we have completed a test run this week to fine-tune the scheduling. Staff members will be calling you over the weekend, where possible, to share these details.

As we have many students who require transportation, and a very lengthy bus run, we are encouraging parents to consider driving their children to school, if possible. As a safety protocol, all students who will be utilizing the school bus must wear masks for the duration of the bus ride. Students must also remain in their assigned seats at all times.

As our bus route may still require some adjustments, we ask for your patience and understanding during the first few weeks of school. We recommend that your children are waiting outside approximately 5 – 10 min. before the expected pick up times. Drop off times may also vary slightly, until the route becomes more routine.

If you have questions about your child's pick up/drop off times, please contact Catherine Pawis at (705) 203-9695, or via email at [principal@wasauksing.ca](mailto:principal@wasauksing.ca).

Due to space limitations, we are unable to accommodate requests to transport students to Parry Sound Public School, or Parry Sound Intermediate School at this time.

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