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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Parkland School Division's Board of Trustees, faced with the responsibility to reduce transportation operating costs to stay within budget, directed Administration to review cooperative busing between school jurisdictions and take appropriate action. The Parkland School Division Regional Transportation system has operated at a loss over the last three years and pending changes were going to increase the cost of transportation for some school boards in the regional transportation system. Faced with these increased costs, STAR has determined that they will be providing their own busing services to their students.

We would like to inform you of pending necessary changes to your children's transportation services. St. Thomas Aquinas Roman (STAR) Catholic school board has decided to provide transportation services to students attending STAR Catholic schools. As a result Parkland School Division will no longer be offering bus service to St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Schools in Drayton Valley. The two school jurisdictions have come to an agreement to dissolve the cooperative busing arrangement.

Parkland School Division respects the decision by St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Schools to provide its own busing. St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Schools Busing and Transportation Services Department will be contacting families directly in the coming weeks to outline options moving forward to receive bus service via STAR Catholic buses.

These changes will be in effect at the beginning of the 2019 - 2020 school year.

Respectfully,

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