

North East Tri-Board Student Transportation

Service du transport scolaire des trois-conseils du Nord Est



SCHOOL BUS SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF COCHRANE AND TIMISKAMING
LE TRANSPORT SCOLAIRE AUX DISTRICTS SCOLAIRE DE COCHRANE ET TIMISKAMING

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Bus Service Providers Awarded Contracts

North East Tri-Board Student Transportation has secured a new five-year contract to provide busing services to three school boards in the districts of Cochrane and Timiskaming. The contracts were awarded through a two-stage procurement pilot project with the Ministry of Education.

The successful candidates in each community are:

Hearst, Kapuskasing, and Smooth Rock Falls – Bluebird Bus Lines
Cochrane, Iroquois Falls, Matheson – Leuschen Bros., First Student, G&M Transportation
Timmins, South Porcupine – Leuschen Bros., First Student, Stock Transportation
Kirkland Lake – Willard Bus Lines, McLellan Transportation, Stock Transportation
Englehart, Earlton – Willard Bus Lines
Temiskaming Shores – Willard Bus Lines, Stock Transportation, First Student

“North East Tri-Board has been at the forefront in helping the Ministry of Education develop templates as part of a Two-Stage Procurement Process which other school boards throughout the province can use to procure school bus services”, says Ryan Hartling, Manager of Transportation Services. “With the Ministry providing a fairness commissioner for the process, consultants for the template development, and training from the Ontario School Bus Association for the school bus providers, it was a very fair process and I believe that we have developed some excellent document for province. The companies had to respond to specific quality criteria questions on topics such as: vehicle maintenance, safety training, driver availability and training, compliance with consortium policies, along with communication with parents, boards and the consortium. With the focus of the process’ evaluation on quality criteria, we expect our service levels to increase. We continue to appreciate the hard work and dedication of our local providers and we also welcome new suppliers to our district”

North East Tri-Board Student Transportation is a student busing partnership formed by three school boards: District School Board Ontario North East, Northeastern Catholic District School Board, and Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l’Ontario. For more information, log on to www.netribus.ca.

Providing school bus service for:

District School Board Ontario North East

Northeastern Catholic District School Board

Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l’Ontario

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