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Attention: Trustee Engel, Edmonton Catholic Schools

RE: Letter of Concern Future Student Transit Service to Wedgewood Heights

We are writing this letter on behalf of the Homeowner's Association of Wedgewood; a community in west Edmonton that has 491 homes, many of which are occupied by school age children. Our concern is regarding future plans for transit access for students in junior and senior high who are attending their area (designated) schools. As our elected Trustee, it is our hope that you can bring some attention to this matter.

Currently, students in junior and senior high have access to Edmonton Transit throughout the day; in addition to a School Special service. However, in 2020 with the City's redesign in the busing network our neighbourhood will no longer have bus service. We have expressed our concerns to the City but are wondering what provisions the school board will have in place to transport students to their designated schools? And, will the service support students especially at the high school level who may have earlier start times, flex schedules or participate in after school activities.

We are expressing our neighbourhood concerns at this time to hopefully generate some conversations between your school board and the City to ensure that any plans for alternate service fully address the needs of the school age children living in our neighbourhood. There are other neighbourhoods impacted by the changes planned in bus service and we are copying these groups on this correspondence including the City transit department, and our City councillor.

We look forward to receiving any response back regarding how your school district is responding to the City's Bus Network Redesign to help us reassure our residents that students will have access to service that supports their diverse needs.

Sincerely,

Bruce Hartfelder, President

Wedgewood Homeowners' Association

cc. Sarah Hamilton, City Councillor, Ward 5 Eddie Robar, Edmonton Transit Department Naomi Tam, Westridge Lead Jim Lang, Wedgewood Transit Committee Chair