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Dear Families,

We are excited to share that the Manitoba government is introducing free transit for youth across the province and is partnering with the City of Winnipeg to provide the service. Students can access passes through their school as part of a staged roll-out beginning the first week of the 2026/27 school year.

School divisions are working closely with Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning to ensure that all eligible youth can access bus passes through their school. Passes will be distributed to students in grades 6 to 12 in the following stages:

- September 8, 2026: Grades 11 and 12
- September 23, 2026: Grades 9 and 10
- September 29, 2026: Grades 6, 7 and 8

If a student needs a transit pass sooner than their grade eligibility, families can speak to school administration so that a pass can be made available for the student. We ask that you emphasize the importance of keeping the pass safe and not losing or damaging it.

Passes are valid for a full year and will expire on August 31, 2027. Passes issued to students are not transferable and are for the student's use only. Students in grades 10 to 12 are encouraged to carry their student ID together with their pass.

As per current Winnipeg Transit policy, children aged 11 and under can ride free when accompanied by a fare-paying customer.

For information on scheduling, routes, or on how to use Winnipeg Transit, please access winnipeg.ca/youthridefree.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your child's school office.

Sincerely,

Matt Henderson
Superintendent & CEO