

October 25, 2021

Dear Honourable Aman Singh (MLA, Richmond-Queensborough)

On behalf of the District Parent Advisory Council for New Westminister (SD40), representing parents of over 7,000 students, I am writing to urge action on your [2020 election campaign promise to bring free bus service for Queenborough students to NWSS](#).

As you are aware, bus service for Queenborough students has been a long-standing issue in our district. To reach the only public high school in New Westminister, students either walk across a busy bridge, get rides from their parents or take multiple transit buses that are often so full that they don't even stop.

Your campaign promise was very much welcomed by your constituents, parents, students, our Board Chair and District Leadership. Since the October 2020 election, we have yet to see any progress on this commitment and request that work begin immediately to make this important bus service a reality. We would welcome a meeting with key stakeholders, including Translink, to work out the details of the bus service and to explore how other critical transportation needs for students in the West End could be addressed with such a service to further enhance its viability and benefits.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

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CC:

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Reference:

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