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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) allows students to attend any school of their choice as long as they are willing to provide their own transportation if they live outside the school zone. Due to Eden's unique Christian heritage, we attract students from throughout the Niagara Peninsula. While we are thrilled at the ministry opportunity this provides, we recognize that it presents many families with transportation challenges. That is why, in order to provide a viable transportation option to these families, the Eden Advisory Board (not the DSBN) contracts and co-ordinates buses from DanNel Bus Lines. Please appreciate that this is a complex and costly process for the Eden Advisory Board: in order to ensure that buses are available in the fall, we must contract them in the spring. Therefore, if you are interested in the bus service for the 2010-2011 school year, please read the information provided below, fill out the attached form, and return it with your non refundable deposit and second post-dated cheque to Eden Spiritual Life Department no later than **May 31, 2010**. Please note that if we do not have enough students sign up to fill a bus (ie. cover the cost of the bus) we cannot contract a bus.

#### FEATURES OF EDEN'S BUS SERVICE

- This service is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The number of seats per bus determines how many students each bus can accommodate. Interest in this service varies from year to year: we have had waiting lists some years and empty seats in others. Please note that we will not contract buses unless there is enough interest to ensure the buses will pay for themselves.
- The bus routes and drop-off points will be established by DanNel Bus Lines in consultation with the Eden Advisory Board's administration. Each year the routes are redesigned slightly according to the number of students wanting the service and the location of their residences. Congregated stops are used to reduce the length of time of each bus route.
- We would like to remind all those involved, that the cost of this service is primarily determined by the number of students who sign up for transportation and the number of buses we need to cover the routes. The estimated cost for transportation for 2010-2011 will be \$1200.00 for the school year. This may change depending on the number of students who sign up. The more students who participate in the busing, the more economical it becomes. The \$1200.00 fee works out to be less than \$3.00/trip/student.
- In order to reserve your seat(s) on a bus, **we require a non refundable deposit of \$600.00 dated by May 31, 2010. The balance of \$600.00 must be paid by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and can be made at the same time or with post-dated cheques.**
- Cheques must be included with the attached form, made payable to Eden Spiritual Life Department and returned to the Eden school office. If there is not enough interest in this service by May 2010 and we do not contract a bus we would then refund the initial deposit.

- Once your commitment is made for busing it is a commitment for the whole school year. We cannot provide refunds for cancelling out of the busing service.
- Some students require transportation for only one semester. Obviously, preference will be given to those requesting transportation for the entire year (for budgeting purposes). Any remaining places on the bus will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- On the attached Bus Transportation Request form there is also an Emergency Phone Fan Out permission option. Please read this area and indicate whether or not you wish to be included in a fan out list. The telephone fanout is used to inform you should the buses be unable to run or be delayed for an unforeseen reason (such as the driver was caught by a bridge, or the bus broke down, etc.)

Yours truly,

Kevin Ruddle  
Eden Advisory Board Chair

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## EDEN BUS TRANSPORTATION REQUEST

I wish to sign up the following student(s) for bus transportation to Eden High School for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Student Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Service Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Year

\_\_\_\_\_ First Semester Only

\_\_\_\_\_ Second Semester Only

I have enclosed a cheque/cheques payable to **Eden Spiritual Life Department** totaling the amount of \$1,200.00 per student for the year. The initial non refundable deposit of \$600.00 to secure a spot on the bus is due May 31, 2010 and the balance of \$600.00 is due September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. I understand that the final cost of the transportation will not be known until the number of students on each bus, the length of the bus route and fuel costs have been determined.

Parent Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Phone Fan Out

We would like to create an emergency telephone fan out list should the buses be delayed or unable to run for an unforeseen reason. The procedure would be that the bus company would call the first person on the list and then each person on the list would call the next person until everyone is notified about the issue. If all schools were closed due to inclement weather this fan out would not be done.

Do you agree to participate in an emergency fan out? Do you give permission both for your name and phone # to be included on a fan out list and if so you must also agree to phone the next person on the list?

Yes, include me on the fan out list.

No, I will not participate in the fan out.

**Please return this form and cheque(s) by May 31, 2010 to Eden High School.**