November 25, 2022

Dear parents and guardians,

On November 22, 2022, Halifax Regional Council approved the expansion of the *Student Transit Pass Pilot Program* to include 10 schools. This program will provide students with a free, annual transit pass for use on all conventional bus, ferry, and Access-A-Bus services for a full calendar year.

Phase 1 of the pilot program launched in the fall of 2021 and included the following schools:

- Dartmouth High School, Grades 9 12
- Woodlawn High School, Grades 10 12
- École secondaire du Sommet, Grades 9 12
- École secondaire Mosaïque, Grades 9 12

We are pleased to announce that Phase 2 of the pilot will extend free annual transit passes to six junior high schools, including:

- Bicentennial School, Grades 7 9
- Caledonia Junior High, Grades 7 9
- Dartmouth South Academy, Grades 7 8
- Ellenvale Junior High, Grades 7 9
- Eric Graves Memorial Junior High, Grades 7 9
- John Martin Junior High, Grades 7 9

The passes will be delivered to participating schools in early December 2022 and will be available to students through their school administration offices. Students are required to print and sign their name in ink on their pass before use. Passes will be valid from **January 1**, **2023**, **until December 31**, **2023**.

Halifax Transit's Student Pass Pilot Program will be reevaluated in fall 2023 and recommendations will be presented to Halifax Regional Council regarding the future of the program.

To learn more about the program, and for transit-related additional educational and safety information, please visit our website or call 311

Thank you for your support of this program.

