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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to announce that the *Student Transit Pass Pilot Program* has been expanded to include students in grades 7 to 12 in all HRCE and CSAP high schools and junior high schools located in Halifax Regional Municipality for the 2024-2025 school year. The expansion of the program has been made possible through a funding agreement between the Halifax Regional Municipality and the Province of Nova Scotia.

As part of the program, students in grades 7 to 12 in all HRCE and CSAP high school and junior high schools located in Halifax Regional Municipality will receive a free annual transit pass valid from **September 5, 2024, to June 30, 2025**. Passes will be delivered to schools by the beginning of September 2024 and will be available to students through their school administration offices.

Please note that student transit passes with a June 30, 2024, expiry date will be accepted as valid fare up to and including September 10, 2024, to allow time for students currently participating in the program to pick up their new passes.

Please be advised that beginning September 1, 2024, all *Student Transit Pass Pilot Program* pass holders will no longer be required to pay the \$1.00 top-up fee to ride Halifax Transit's Regional Express service (Routes 320, 330, and 370).

Students will be invited to participate in a survey to share their experience participating in the *Student Transit Pass Pilot Program* in fall 2024. Results from the survey will be used to inform the future of the program.

To learn more about the program, and for additional transit-related educational and safety information, please visit our [website](#) or call 311.

Thank you for your support of this program.