



Transformation Update – Alta Vista PS

**September 2015 Proposed Start Bell Time Changes
from **9:00am** to **9:15am****

New Walk Zone Map and Hazard Zones effective September 2015



Please visit www.ottawaschoolbus.ca to view the proposed walk zone map online. Maps will be posted within 30 days of the public consultation session planned for your school. If you would like a hard copy of the 800m (kindergarten) or 1.6km (grades 1-8) walk zone, please request one at your school and we will send one home with your child within a few days.

Public Consultation

The public consultation session planned for your school will be held at :

| Location | Date | Time |
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| Brookfield HS 824 Brookfield Rd. | Wednesday, April 2, 2014 | 7pm-9pm |

We Want to Hear from You!

Please complete our online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OSTAsurvey> or send an email to feedback@ottawaschoolbus.ca. To make your feedback count, please be *specific* about the concerns affecting your family and/or your school community. Results of our consultation will be made public in December 2014 as part of our report and recommendations to your school board.

The OSTA Transformation Project

The Ottawa Student Transportation Authority delivers transportation services to students of the Ottawa-Carleton and Ottawa Catholic School Boards in a safe, efficient and effective way.

The Ministry's *Effectiveness and Efficiency Leading Practices Guideline* outlines all the goals and strategies each student transportation consortium is expected to meet and is available on OSTA's website at <http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/images/documents/med-effectiveness-efficiency-report-2013.pdf>.

Key Elements for Routing Efficiency

1. One set of walk zone maps using the same distance measurement for both school boards, and which include a standardized set of walking hazards.
2. Establishing school bell times that allow each bus to service up to 3 schools within geographical areas, whenever possible and regardless of school board.
3. Reducing the number of kilometers run by and paid to Operators.

Student Active Transportation (SAT) Program

Did you know that walking to school improves students' health and ability to learn? Student well-being is of great concern to the OCDSB and OCSB, and through their School Active Transportation Charter, they have committed to providing resources from OSTA's SAT program.

OSTA works with its *Member School Boards, Ottawa Public Health, Green Communities Canada* and its *City of Ottawa partners* to deliver services that assist students who walk, bike and roll to school. This coming Fall, OSTA will be participating in a Walking School Bus Pilot to evaluate the benefits and costs of having paid WSB Leaders lead groups of children to school using a pre-determined route.

Please refer to OSTA's SAT website link to find out more about how you can encourage your child, and your school community to walk, bike and roll to school.



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Upcoming Consultation

The consultation schedule for schools where significant change is proposed is posted on the OSTA website. Each session presentation is identical, so you may choose to attend another consultation session that is convenient for you. However, walk zone maps for your school will only be presented and discussed at your school's scheduled consultation session. Any schools NOT appearing in the consultation schedule have either no or very low impact with proposed changes.

We recommend you complete our online survey: www.surveymonkey.com/s/OSTAsurvey. Hardcopies of the survey will also be available at the consultation sessions. OSTA is looking for ways to address school communities' unique needs, so be specific and detailed about the concerns affecting your family and/or school community, particularly if you send an email to feedback@ottawaschoolbus.ca.

1. Putting the school name in the subject line of your email;
2. In the email, please include your full name, address, contact information and the grade(s) of your child(ren).
3. Give specific information about the concern—For example, if you can't make your OC Transpo bus with the new time, include the bus route number so we can look at it.

Your feedback is important to us. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming consultation session.