

Date: 9/19/2026 8:40:26 AM
From: Stephanie Gaskell
Email: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Peachland, V0h1x2
I am a: Parent/Caregiver
Re: Bus times

Message:

Hi am a parent of a grade 8 student that goes to GMS and a grade 10 student that goes to MBSS. The buses are late. The GMS student has to go all the way to MBSS after school and isn't home for almost a hour after school ends. Winter time is going to come and they are both going to be late both ways.

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Date: 9/19/2026 9:09:35 AM
From: Mark Dawson
Email: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED], Peachland, V0h1x7
I am a: Parent/Caregiver
Re: Peachland Bus Concerns

Message:

Subject: Urgent Concerns Regarding Peachland Bus Routes Student Safety and Well-Being

Our children ride buses 412 and 415, with one attending GMS and the other MBSS. Unfortunately, this school year's transportation situation has been a catastrophe for our family.

The buses are regularly late, and our child attending GMS is now taking over an hour to get home. What was once a 20-minute drive has become an unnecessarily long and exhausting commute for our children.

Our daughter must leave GMS, travel across town by bus to MBSS, and then continue home to Peachland. As a result, she is spending an additional 2.5 hours per week on the bus compared to last year. This is an unreasonable increase in travel time for a student simply trying to get home from school.

We are also deeply concerned about the impact these changes will have during the winter months, when weather and road conditions can make bus travel more challenging and potentially dangerous.

The transportation cutbacks and bus route reorganizations are placing an unfair burden on our children. Their safety, mental health, and overall well-being must be considered when making decisions about school transportation.

We are asking that the district urgently review routes 412 and 415 and consider meaningful changes that reduce travel times, improve reliability, and prioritize student safety.

Our children deserve a safe, reasonable, and reliable way to get to and from school. The current situation is not sustainable, and we urge you to take action before the winter conditions make an already difficult situation even worse.

Thank you for taking our concerns seriously. We look forward to hearing what steps can be taken to address this issue.

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Date: 9/19/2026 4:01:56 PM
From: Chris Firth
Email: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Peachland, V0H1X4
I am a: Parent/Caregiver
Re: Bussing

Message:

I am writing to express my strong dissatisfaction with the current school bus transportation schedule for students attending Glenrosa Middle School. (Route 415)

My child is in Grade 8, and their daily commute home on the school bus takes approximately 50 minutes. Given that the driving distance between the school and our home is only 10 to 15 minutes, spending nearly an hour on a bus for such a short distance is entirely unreasonable.

We pay a significant amount of money for school bus transportation, and we expect a reasonable level of efficiency and service in return. Expecting middle school students to endure an unnecessarily long route every day after school is unacceptable.

I urge the board to review and optimize the current bus routes for Glenrosa Middle School (Route 415) to ensure students are transported home in a timely and efficient manner. I look forward to hearing how this issue will be addressed.

Sincerely,

Chris Firth

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Date: 9/20/2026 8:48:19 AM
From: Lucy Bishuty
Email: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Peachland, V0h1x8
I am a: Parent/Caregiver
Re: School Bus Transportation Times

Message:

I would like to formally raise a concern regarding the current bus transportation times for my child attending Glenrosa Middle School.

The current schedule is causing significant difficulties for our family. The drop off is excessively early, with my child arriving before many teachers. The pick up is causing the most disruption going from middle school to high school then returning to Peachland. My child already has an extended length of time on the bus coming home and it has been made worse with the bus arriving home late most days. This is happening during the nice weather so I am expecting it to be even worse during the winter.

Is it possible for the routes to be reviewed so that not all buses go from middle school to high school to then return to Peachland? With the current schedule I am unsure if my children will remain using the bus service. With the unpredictable return time and lengthy duration I may need to make alternative arrangements that I can rely on.

Kind regards.

Lucy

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Date: 9/21/2026 9:15:56 PM
From: Shanon De Schutter
Email: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED], Peachland, V0H 1X2
I am a: Parent/Caregiver
Re: Frustration with bus transportation

Message:

I am incredibly frustrated with the changes in transport for the children in peachland this year. I live in Trépanier and my daughter is assigned to route 414. Not only has this bus been very late at times in the afternoon we have now had a significant change in the schedule.

Last year the MBSS bus was straight to MBSS from my knowledge. Now my daughter has to get on the bus at 8:09 AM, a change from 813, and does not arrive at her school until nearly 9 AM when school begins at nine. There have been days that she has been late for class, Which is not great in high school.

Not only that her bus is now not even loading until 3:50 PM, 20 minutes after school is out, and she's not getting home until 420. I finish work at 3:45. Last year with school out at 3:15 the bus was home a good half hour before I was, now I will actually be home before she is..

Not only is it frustrating that the cuts have been made causing such lengthy bus rides, I am extremely concerned about the increased bus time in the upcoming winter months. With icy roads it seems HIGHLY likely that she will be even later for class, and having to drive all over peachland in bad weather.

Of note; my daughter is in grade 10.

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