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I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Education, Central Okanagan Public Schools. At the April 10, 2024 Public Board of Education meeting, the Board unanimously passed a motion to write a letter in support of the [Transit for Teens campaign](#).

We enthusiastically support the Transit for Teens campaign led by the Centre for Equity and Inclusion. As Trustees, we believe that providing free transit for teenagers up to 18 years old, is not only a matter of equity and social justice, but also a strategic investment in the well-being and future success of our youth.

Providing free, reliable transportation to young people will:

- Allow them to fully participate in educational, recreational, and employment opportunities;
- Eliminate the financial barrier for families;
- Reduce traffic congestion, decrease carbon emissions, and promote alternate, sustainable modes of transportation once students age out of the program.

Providing free transit for teens demonstrates our commitment to creating a more equitable and inclusive community where all individuals, regardless of their background or circumstances, have the chance to thrive.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I urge you to take action to make free transit a reality for teenagers in the Central Okanagan. By doing so, we can create a more just and prosperous community where every young person has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Yours sincerely,



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